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Sacto's First Gay Pride Parade Is Big Success

by Bill Spiller

Sacramento's First Annual Gay Pride Parade, held June 17, was definitely a success. With gay participation estimated at 800-1,000, we marched from the Way Station, down I street, to J street, to Capitol Park where the rally was held. The theme of "It's About Time" resounded repeatedly during the day.

Although some negative response came from members of the gay community, largely because they questioned whether enough gay people would support the parade, the objectives of "representing pride in our community and in ourselves as human beings" were fulfilled.

Keynote speakers included Leonard Matlovich, candidate for county supervisor in San Francisco, and Theresa Corrigan, director of the Rape Crisis Center. Matlovich brought messages of not being afraid to come out of the closet. "Society is not afraid of our vices", he stated. "They are afraid of our virtues." Corrigan stated, "Being gay is not political, but being oppressed is . . . and only through our physical presence and voices united together will our oppression be heard."

Other speakers during the day events were Gary Miller, Human Rights Commissioner; James Graham, Editor of MOM . . . GUESS WHAT . . .!; Freda Smith, Pastor of MCC; and Audrey Mertz, of NOW. Le Theatre Lesbien performed "A Skit"—a satirical examination of the ways in which factionalism divides and weakens the community in its efforts for political and social change.

Sacramento City Councilwoman Anne Rudin, one of the many legislators and political figures who were invited but unable to attend the rally, sent the following message: "I regret that I cannot join you for the parade and rally, but I want to express my support of your efforts to insure for all human beings the right of equal opportunity for jobs, education, housing, and choice of individual life style."

Clay Shipway, Director of the Way Station and Coordinator of Sacramento's first Gay Pride Parade, has expressed his thanks to the gay community of Sacramento for their support of the parade.

In an open letter to the Sacramento gay community, Shipway said, "I congratulate you, the gay community, for your willingness to support, to be in, and not to be ashamed to be part of our Gay Pride Parade."

He also called for unity and increased support for next year's parade from individuals and businesses. "I call for a united effort from all the community to support and back financially next year's Gay Pride Parade #2.

"I call for the gay businesses who refused to support the parade, particularly those who condemned it, to mend their ways, and to use the money they make off the gay community to support and finance next year's parade . . . I hope that the gay businesses who need our support will not ignore us again, or else maybe we should ignore them."

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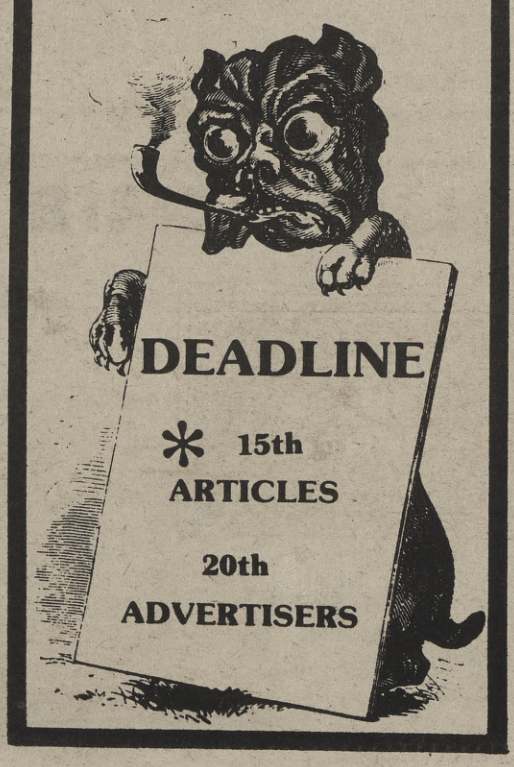

FROM THE INSIDE OUT

SAC. GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

by James K. Graham, Editor

Here in Sacramento, We're talking a lot about community. There is a significant gay population here, but at this time it's a bit presumptuous to call it a community. But we're talking about it, which means that we realize the advantages of community.

A true community is a group of people who share a common identity, interests, and goals while at the same time maintaining their individuality. Gay people in Sacramento certainly have the potential for becoming that kind of community, and have made significant progress in that direction over the past few years.

But one big obstacle is holding us back, and that is factionalism. Factionalism usually originates in personality conflicts, easily-bruised egos, and petty jealousies. We have recently seen its deleterious effects in the dissension over the organization of the Sacramento Gay Pride Parade, and it is currently causing trouble in the plans being made for a Sacramento Gay Community Center.

We must eliminate factionalism if we are ever to fuse into a real community.

One of the ways to eliminate factionalism is to subordinate personal interest and personal pride to the good of the whole community. This means offering one's ideas, services, and suggestions, but not insisting upon them. It means listening to, understanding, and carefully considering the ideas of others. Above all, it means thoroughly analyzing the situation and dispassionately formulating appropriate plans of action.

This is especially important in matters that will ultimately affect the entire *community, such as the proposed Community Center.*

I don't suppose that many elements of the gay community will deny that such a center could be very beneficial to us all. It could provide health, counselling, legal, housing, and employment services, cultural and social facilities, business office space, fundraising facilities, and community meeting space.

Likewise, unless it is thoroughly planned and effectively operated, it could degenerate into a cliquish hangout or a gay version of the Salvation Army.

Because such a center could affect us all, we must all be involved in its planning, development, and operation.

The first steps have already been taken. On June 13, 1979, the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Way Station Community Center were signed and notarized. According to the Articles of Incorporation, the purpose of the organization is "to bring together resources within and without the community for the benefit of those who are in need of material, social, and emotional assistance."

The Bylaws provide for membership by community organizations and by individuals, who will vote on matters submitted by the Board of Directors and will elect the Directors. Thus, this organization is an excellent vehicle for carrying the community's goals and plans to completion.

The founding Board of Directors, Clay Shipway, Carl Herzog, Leah Ward, and myself, will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, July 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Way Station, 1403 I Street, and will meet thereafter at that time on the second Tuesday of each month.

Copies of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws may be obtained from the Way Station or from MOM . . . GUESS WHAT . . . ! I urge all concerned members of the Sacramento gay community, both organizations and individuals, to give careful consideration to our needs for a Community Center. Until the Directors establish the procedures and qualifications for membership, Clay Shipway and I will be glad to receive and pass on suggestions and comments. I can be contacted by mail or telephone through MOM . . . GUESS WHAT . . . !

James K. Graham

MGW OPEN STAFF MEETINGS

The first nine months of producing MOM . . . GUESS WHAT . . . ! have been exciting and hectic. We haven't always had the time to get to know or to keep in touch with our contributors.

So, we are inaugurating regular staff meetings on the fourth Monday of each month, at the Real Estate Place, 2115 J St., at 7:30 p.m. At these staff meetings we'll talk about plans and themes for future issues, explore the philosophies and policies of MOM . . . GUESS WHAT . . . !, discuss assignments, and exchange comments on one another's writing. We want you to feel that you are a part of the paper, rather than apart from it.

We cordially invite you to attend and share your ideas and comments with the rest of the staff of MOM . . . GUESS WHAT . . . !

UNDER THE DOME

Convention Set For CHRA

The Sacramento-based lesbian/gay rights lobbying organization, California Human Rights Advocates, will hold its semi-annual convention on Saturday, July 14, 1979 in Laguna Beach.

The free, day-long event is open to the public. It will feature a keynote address by a well-known political figure, a general business meeting, and a fund-raising dinner with entertainment.

Five midday workshops will examine lobbying techniques, current legislative districts and the Parents and Friends of Gays and support group.

California Human Rights Advocates is one of the few statewide lobbying organizations in the nation working fulltime to advance the rights of gays and lesbians. It has worked on important legislation by providing research, committee testimony and tactical support in Sacramento and grass-roots lobbying in the field.

In lieu of a registration fee plus meeting costs, a $30.00 charge for dinner is anticipated. Dinner orders must be received by July 7. Requests for housing must be in by July 2. Only those who have paid the $5 annual dues to the Sacramento office prior to June 14, 1979, may vote.

Pre-registration for the convention and reservations for the dinner and for temporary living accommodations in Laguna Beach can be arranged by writing the state headquarters at 1107 Ninth St., Suite 1019, Sacramento, CA 95814 or by calling (916) 448-6666.

Dinner and housing may also be made by contacting the Orange County chapter of California Human Rights Advocates at 31780 Fifth Avenue, South Laguna, CA 92677 or (714) 499-3142.

Alan Robertson Named CHRA Executive Director

After rigorous screening of highly qualified candidates, Alan Robertson of Laguna Beach was selected Executive Director of C.H.R.A. at the board meeting in Los Angeles on June 17.

Alan was appointed as an interim board member in March to fill a vacancy left by Rob Jurina. He has been an active member of C.H.R.A. for some time and has a working knowledge of the organization.

Alan has a good background in political organizing. He was instrumental in forming the Laguna Beach Coalition for Human Rights and had a strong input in the Orange County No on 6 group which was successful in raising the third largest amount of money in the state for No on 6.

Alan has been active in local politics and has demonstrated an ability to establish a good rapport with both gay and straight groups. He has a strong administrative background. He plans initially to emphasize field work and constituent development in order to create a stronger support group for gay rights by the time the legislature goes into its second year in January. He will begin working from the state office on July 1.

CHRA to Hold 'We Are Family' Picnic

On Sunday, August 12, at East Portal Park from 11-5, California Human Rights Advocates will hold a gala old-fashioned picnic for gay/lesbian people and their friends.

This will be a special Sunday for all who attend. Some of the activities will be softball, volleyball, horseshoes, croquet, and frisbee. We'll play New Games and have a 3-legged race, an egg toss, a water balloon contest, and a tug-o-war. Those who want to kick back in the shade of lovely trees should bring backgammon, checkers, dominoes, scrabble, etc.

Pack up your musical instruments and your favorite songs to share with friends. There'll be a special musical treat for those who attend with an opportunity to join in. All that's required is high spirits and a willingness to join in.

Pack a hefty basket full of your favorite goodies. Bring enough to share if you care to. T-shirts, cold beer and soft drinks will be on sale to benefit C.H.R.A.

The Loe-Down

by Greg Loe

It must seem very bewildering to set out to do a good deed with motives you feel are pure and above reproach and end up suddenly in the middle of a storm of controversy. The people who organized the gay pride parade here in Sacramento are wondering why everyone, before the fact, was against them.

The parade and rally turned out to be an unqualified success. Clay Shipway, the Way Station, and Kevin Casey deserve a bouquet from the community for their fine work in bringing this event off. A month ago Shipway said he would be happy if 250 people marched. Official police estimates set the actual number at 500, twice what Shipway had hoped for. The media coverage of the parade was also better than anyone had expected.

So why was so much hostility directed before the parade at the Way Station for organizing the event?

It seems the community had no confidence that a parade could be a success here in Sacramento. In addition, many people expressed to me their anger that one person could organize an event that would reflect on all gays in Sacramento without, in their opinion, checking out how the community felt beforehand.

The source of these fears appears to me to come first and foremost from a lack of effective communication between the planners and the community at large. Communication is a two-way street. If a message is going to get across, both sides have to work. Those who were upset and afraid of the parade could have made an effort to contact the Way Station to find out what was going on. After the parade Shipway commented that "many people acted and brought out their feelings without finding out the facts."

The Way Station realizes now that it too should have done a better job of outreach to the community when things were in a planning stage. To help next year's parade avoid this problem, Shipway plans to begin organizing next year's parade in October and will emphasize community outreach in the plans. He was quick to point out though, that "I don't want anyone to run the parade, myself included. I want it to be a community project."

There's another issue that appears to suffer from a lack of good communication. That's the issue of a gay community center for Sacramento. The Way Station has always hoped that it could grow into just such a center. Says Shipway, "Our ultimate goal is to develope into a full-fledged community center." Last month the Way Station held an open public meeting to get input, energy, but almost no one showed up. Admitting that more ground-work is needed, Shipway is now planning a personal outreach to establish community groups, with the hope that serious planning for a center can begin on a community-wide basis.

If you would like to help out, Shipway can be reached at the Way Station, 1403 I Street, 447-1171.

TALKING TO...

Human Rights Commission Can Serve Gays

by Greg Loe

In the slow march toward acceptance for gay people, there have been many largely unheralded strides forward. One such stride has been the appointment of openly gay people in human rights commissions in several California counties. Here in Sacramento we are fortunate to have two openly gay members of the Human Rights Commission, Linda Birner and Gary Miller.

Linda Birner should need no introduction to readers of MOM . . . GUESS WHAT . . . ! As publisher of the paper and a long-time activist in Sacramento's gay community, Birner is a natural representative for gays on the commission. Gary Miller also has extensive credentials on gay and human rights issues. As coordinator of the Sacramento Valley No on 6 campaign, Miller became a familiar spokesperson for the cause of gay rights.

MOM . . . GUESS WHAT . . . ! recently talked to both Birner and Miller about the Human Rights Commission.

MOM: What is the Human Rights Commission?

MILLER: It's an appointive board set up jointly by the City and County of Sacramento to encourage understanding between the various segments of the community.

BIRNER: One of the commission's main roles is to act as a mediator; we try to help the two sides in a dispute come to a settlement. If that doesn't work we can advise the injured party of the ways they can pursue their case. We tell them the "how to's" of using the system.

MOM: How did you get appointed to the Human Rights Commission?

BIRNER: *I heard of an opening and applied.* The first try I didn't get appointed, but the second time I got in. I gave an application to my county supervisor, Sandy Smoley, and when the appointment came before the Board of Supervisors, I got it.

MILLER: I applied to the city; the commission has 15 members, six appointed by the County Board of Supervisors, six appointed by the Personnel Committee of the City Council, and three youth commissioners appointed by the Human Rights Commission itself. The first time I applied, it made the papers that a gay supported by San Francisco Sheriff Hongisto was seeking the position. I had asked Sheriff Hongisto, who I knew when I lived in San Francisco, to write a letter of recommendation for me and I guess Sacramento newspapers felt that was newsworthy. Anyway, I didn't get the appointment. The second time I applied, there wasn't any publicity and I was appointed.

MOM: What specifically does the Human Rights Commission do?

BIRNER: Discrimination in employment is the most common complaint that comes before the commission.

MILLER: The commission also undertakes investigations. Currently we're investigating discrimination in restaurants here in Sacramento. You never see women cooking in restaurants; lots of restaurants have no blacks, or other minorities, except maybe washing dishes.

BIRNER: We're also thinking of looking into banks and maybe the trucking industry. A police project would also be good. If we have a complaint we can use it to follow up. We wanted to look into the problem with the police at the Upstairs/Downstairs, but we couldn't get anyone to sign a complaint, so we couldn't do much.

MOM: How does the Human Rights Commission do its work? What powers or authority does it have?

BIRNER: No real powers or authority, but we can advise and help find ways to solve their problems.

MILLER: The commission has eight paid staff: an executive director, five associates, and two clericals. The staff does all the leg work, does the investigating. Besides the commission itself, there are committees that handle certain areas. We're both on the personnel committee and Linda's on the planning committee.

BIRNER: The planning committee needs public input. The youth committee really needs some young gays on it. It put on a youth conference; they had workshops on employment, family planning, lifestyles. The lifestyles workshop really could have used input from young gays. In fact, all the committees need public members. We're always looking for people interested in helping.

MOM: How could someone plug into one of these committees?

BIRNER: The easiest way would be to call *the commission (444-6903) and ask when a committee meets next and go to the meeting,* or you could drop by the office at 1401 21st Street.

MILLER: All commission meetings are open to the public. The commission itself meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., in the city hall council chambers.

MOM: What benefit would there be if gays got involved with the Human Rights Commission?

MILLER: The commission could lend support to a non-discrimination ordinance here. We could also work with the police department, develop sensitivity training.

BIRNER: We also really need to keep track of any cases of discrimination in employment, housing, etc. Gary and I should be contacted if anyone feels they've been discriminated against; we can't do it alone.

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Heterosexual MD Trial Nears

The following satire is reprinted from the UC Davis Cal Aggie, June 5, 1979. Dr. William Miofsky had not yet gone to trial on charges of sex perversion. Since then, he has pleaded no contest to the charges and was sentenced to prison on three of them. The others were dropped.

by John Daniel

Trial preliminaries have nearly concluded in the case of heterosexual anesthesiologist Dr. William Miofsky. Miofsky, who stands accused of seven sex perversion charges, has asked for a change of venue. The decision on this motion next week will pave the way to a jury trial this summer.

Several nurses said they have witnessed Miofsky "acting strangely" in the operating room with unconscious female patients. The possibility of the behavior reoccuring has been raised by psychiatrist Dr. Irving Boober, who questions the propriety of allowing heterosexuals to practice in certain professions.

"Miofsky's behavior, of course, is a symptom of the compulsive, driving desire for sex which finds expression in many heterosexuals," said Boober. "Sex, sex, sex—that's all they think about. Ninety percent of my heterosexual patients behave like animals whenever they get the chance. They seem to suffer from an arrested moral development which is fixated in the pre-infantile stages.

"Unfortunately, most heterosexuals have lost touch with reality and do not realize they are mentally ill. When informed that they are, they experience irrational fits of rage."

The typical heterosexual will think nothing of initiating sexual contacts in public places. Statistics show that 75 percent of the nation's automobiles have been used by couples as a place to act strangely.

In the cities, even pedestrian traffic is impeded. Prostitutes block street corners and, in the red light districts, obscene billboards in front of lurid topless bars and sleezy theaters detain passers-by. Incalculable is the tremendous toll which is taken on our nation's productivity by the desire of heterosexuals to flaunt themselves in public. Like Dr. Miofsky, they pass from partner to partner, hoping for but never finding the ideal one. Social ills accompanying this promiscuity include *unwanted children, venereal disease,* divorce, rape, and pornography.

When the desire of heterosexual men to achieve the attention of females becomes competitive, relations between them are characterized by aggression and hostility rather than the love and tenderness which normal men express. The sad results of this competition are heterosexual-related murders and bruised macho egos requiring years of therapy before self-respect is again achieved.

Heterosexual females have it even worse. Oppressed by the rigid family orientation of society, they must try to find solace by serving as their husband's "Total Slave." Most are forced to stay in the kitchen, because those who come out are usually discriminated against in housing and places of employment.

Psychiatrist Boober is attempting to prevent so many heterosexuals from experiencing constant unhappiness and frustration in their lives. The most effective therapy Boober uses involves denying his patients sex and administering strong emetics while pornographic movies are shown. Because of the seriousness of the problem, therapy usually takes years and, sometimes, decades.

Complicating the process of curing hetersexuals of their relentless lust is the lack of knowledge about its causes. "Psychologists have proposed several conflicting theories which try to explain why one would want to cross the natural line between the sexes to embrace heterosexuality," Boober said. He believes that the deviation is the result of family environments.

According to the Boober theory, children pick up this attitude by assimilation. Other theories hold that heterosexuals recruit children in the schools, a belief which is supported by previous incidents in which professors have offered to exchange high grades for sexual favors.

Because of incidents of this kind, it may be desirable to ban practicing heterosexuals from certain occupations.

Recent opinion polls have shown that a majority of the public favors banning heterosexuals from medicine, teaching, and any job where there is a possibility of contact with the public.

Critics of this approach believe that most problems will disappear if heterosexuals are allowed to become equal members in society.

Boober also supports efforts by the major medical schools to rewrite their admissions guidelines. Besides banning those who have participated in heterosexual acts, the guidelines would deny admission to those who are sympathetic to the idea that they might know someone in the future who is heterosexual.

Finally, continued status as a student would be based on a clean record. A clean record is achieved by always speaking in harshly reprobatory tones of voice to those who engage in heterosexual acts. "And don't *forget," Boober added, "that a sentence* containing the word 'heterosexual' should also contain epithets of extreme disgust, nausea and moral outrage."

Through the establishment of strict standards for conduct, doctors and other professionals will eventually be able to throw off their secular shackles, and concentrate on improving the human condition, Boober believes. "A perfect society we would be, if only everybody were like me."

Businessman . . . Businesswoman

HOW TO TELL A BUSINESSMAN FROM A BUSINESSWOMEN. An anonymous but acute and mischievous observer of the office scene compiled this telling commentary:

A businessman is agressive; a businesswoman is pushy.

He is careful about details; she's picky.

He loses his temper because he's so involved in his job; she's bitchy.

He's depressed (or hung over), so everyone tiptoes past his office; she's moody, so it must be her time of the month.

He follows through; she doesn't know when to quit.

He's firm; she's stubborn.

He makes wise judgements; she reveals her prejudices.

He is a man of the world; she's been around.

He isn't afraid to say what he thinks; she's opinionated.

He exercises authority; she's tyrannical.

He's discreet; she's secretive.

He's a stern taskmaster; she's difficult to work for.

The above was loosely adapted from "The Executive Woman," a newsletter for women in business.

I Pledge Allegiance

by Rick Cartiere

The legal system in America is the institutionalization of the way America thinks and feels. Often courts step out of the norm and lead society on towards a more expanded view. Some say that what more often happens is that the court simply reflects society's present ideas of justice.

Being gay and in the legal system is an idea just recently coming to the minds of many. We all know gays were "legally" sentenced to death by burning centuries ago. We all know that until a few years ago it was still illegal in California to have sex with someone of the same sex.

Harrassment of gay people stems from the institutionalization of how society views them. We see and feel this institutionalization takes form in police departments, in the prisons, and in the laws.

THE POLICE

Minorities have always been at odds with the police. In the sixties we saw the anger erupt into riots and mass demonstrations.

Being the hand of society that is supposed to maintain the status-quo, which means keeping things the way they are, the police are often objects of dislike. Little has been said about how to correct this situation.

The recent incident of "harrassment" at the Upstairs/Downstairs revealed the lack of communication between the police department and the Sacramento gay community.

In reading the memos of Chief Kearns that were obtained regarding the incident it is difficult to ascertain the knowledge the police department has of the gay community.

Upon further speaking with Mike Roy, Public Relations Officer for the department, it was clear that he has no substantial knowledge of a gay community here in the River City. Since the police department interacts with gays it is neccessary that some form of awareness be established.

A study of the incident at Upstairs/Downstairs, done by Criminal Justice major David Anderson at Sac State, resulted in several recommendations to the gay community about how this could be accomplished. Two such ideas could be implemented immediately. One was that gays meet openly with the department and discuss problems or programs to be developed for the community at large. The River City Business Association would be an excellent forum for such talks. The second was that members of the gay community be allowed to speak to the training policemen at the academies to insure their educated awareness of what gay people are like.

When I talked with David, he seemed doubtful that the Sacramento Police Department would pay any serious attention to gays. "They simply don't like them."

Interestingly, David works at present for the Sacramento Police Department and starting July first will be with the Sausalito force as an openly gay officer.

"He (the Sausalito chief) told me not to worry about the checks on my past association; I was president of the Gay People's Union at Sac State. And then he proceeded to tell me about the two gay bars in town."

David has been working in and out of the police department since he was fifteen. His views on the incident at the Upstairs/Downstairs were harsh and adamant. "It was out-and-out harrassment. And the police department isn't going to recognize gays as a community until they're forced to."

While David's views are strong, Les Morgan (head of the program to recruit gays to the police force in S.F. and one time member of the S.F. sheriff's department) had other things to say.

"There is no blanket police mentality. They react like people. You can't treat police as if they all think the same. They don't. Treat them like human beings. That's how we as gay people expect to be treated."

Les Morgan explained that for the most part police are young and white. They are quite often inexperienced dealing with problems that arise and their understanding of minorities is not always deep.

Gay Pride Rally Expenses

Kevin Casey, Chairperson of the Sacramento Gay Pride Rally Committee, issued the following statement as an accounting of the Committee's operations.

"The Sacramento Gay Pride Rally came about as the result of two and a half weeks of frantic last-minute planning. I'd like to thank the following people whose energy and time were essential in organizing the rally: Linda Birner for her endless ideas and advice; Hal Coburn for his many hours of running errands; Victoria Rose for her successful press releases; Anne Seeley for her dependability and for her work in lining up the musicians and the sound system; and John Sorbo for his all around help and support.

"Thanks also to: **Le Theatre Lesbien,** James Graham, Martha Kuhns, Jason Lindo, Ed Sisler, and the two women who spontaneously and anonymously assisted with running the rally sound system, as well as to Gene Hoisington for his flyer graphics, The Ink Spot for fast, discounted and high quality printing, Proul Piano Company for the loan of the piano, and the speakers, the musicians, and all of the businesses and individuals whose donations made the rally possible."

The following is a statement of income and expenses for the rally:

Income:

Zana Blazer (The Real Estate Place)	$25.00
Bojangles	25.00
Continental Motel	7.00
Copy Service	20.00
Earhart's	5.00
Greg Gorges	10.00
Oliver Hamilton (Electrolysis Center)	10.00
Hide & Seek	15.00
Joseph's	10.00
The Kennel Room	10.00
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Charles Moore	20.00
Parking Lot	10.00
Rugtek	20.00
Steamworks	10.00
Underpass	10.00
Upstairs/Downstairs	15.00
Anonymous donors	6.00
Total	$258.00

Expenses:

Press Releases	$58.97
Flyers	65.24
Sound System	75.00
Leonard Matlovich	15.00
Telephone Expenses(through 6/7/79	25.14
Miscellaneous	13.13
Total	$252.48

Balance:

Total Income	$258.00
Total Expenses	-252.48
Balance as of 6/20/79	$5.52

Sacramento Symphony Introduces Mini Series

The Sacramento Symphony Association will present a Monday Night Mini Series of three concerts for the Symphony's 1979-1980 season.

The concert series has been designed especially to accommodate students, company workers, employees in downtown Sacramento, members of travel and leisure clubs, and residents of towns and communities near the state capital. Group attendance is encouraged.

The concert time is 7:30 p.m. and the series ticket price is $12.00 for unreserved seating in the Community Center Theater.

The first concert, November 5, features cellist Gilberto Munguia playing Elgar's **Cello Concerto.** Also on the program will be Rossini's **Overture to "The Barber of Seville,"** and Sibelius' **Symphony No. 2 in D Major.**

For the second concert, February 4, Lorin Hollander will perform Saint-Saens' **Piano Concerto No. 5.** The orchestra will also play Faure's **Pelleas et Melisande** and Saint-Saens' **Symphony No. 3 in C Minor,** the organ symphony.

The final concert, April 14, features Stravinsky's **Pulcinella** and Carl Off's **Carmina Burana** with vocal soloists and chorus.

Conductor for the first and third concerts in the Monday night series is Carter Nice, newly appointed Music Director of the Sacramento Symphony. Conductor for the second concert will be Jose Serebrier, a popular guest conductor during the 1978-1979 season.

Tickets for the Monday Night Mini Series are now available. For more information call the Sacramento Symphony, 488-0800.

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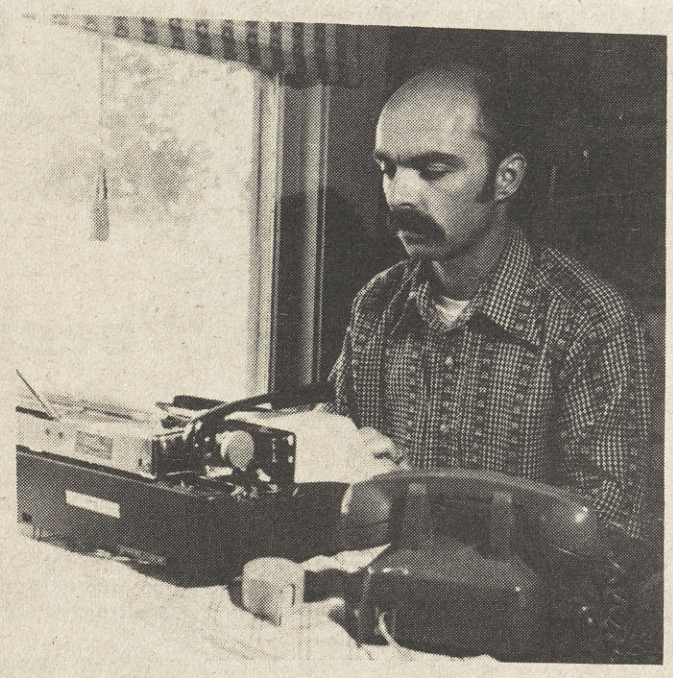
Frank Treadway



Frank keeps himself busy with a variety of political activities, including a letter writing campaign to state legislators urging support of gay rights legislation.

Frank Treadway is a 37-year-old freelance business consultant in Anderson, California, a small community of about 6,000.

He spends most of his free time actively involved in politics. He is chairperson of the Democratic Central Committee (DCC) of Shasta County, the founder and co-chairperson of the Coalition for Human Rights (CHR), Shasta County's gay rights organization. He is on the Anderson Revitalization Committee and was just elected as the low income representative to the Community Action Board of Shasta County. He is also the AD1 manager of California Human Rights Advocates (CHRA).

If there is any time left, he enjoys cross-country skiing, swimming, and tennis. He lives on a three-acre farm in a refurbished old farmhouse with his lover and their dalmatian.

Shasta County is a conservative county with a majority of Democratic voters. The district two legislators, Assemblyperson Stan Statham and Senator Ray Johnson, are homophobic Republicans and openly support Proposition 6. Shasta County, in fact, passed Proposition 6 by 17 votes.

MGW: When did you become politically active?

FT: In the early 1960's with VISTA volunteers in the war on poverty, setting up food co-ops and child-care centers.

MGW: How about gay politics?

FT: I started in 1976 over a local controversy concerning a battle between a right-wing religious group and Family Planning. It was just the beginning of a right-wing force to squelch anything that had to do with human rights, so a few of us who were gay and non-gay formed a group called the Coalition for Human Rights. We focused on three main points to counteract the right-wing group: Family Planning, abortion, and gay issues.

MGW: Have you had any exceptional problems with your activities in Shasta County?

FT: I've lived here for 35 years and not had any direct problems. During my activism with the Family Planning issue, there was a rumor of a threat to expose my being gay to discredit me. I called their bluff and they didn't do it. At that time I would have been frightened to be exposed, but I had a lot of support around me, so it made me stronger.

MGW: How do you handle those that have hurt or discriminated against you or your friends because of sexual orientation?

FT: I let the situation take care of itself by not striking back directly, but smiling to myself and saying that that person or group is acting out of fear of me, the unknown. And it will probably be but a short time until we face each other again; then they will have trust in me, so their mind is unconsciously being changed through that trust.

MGW: How large a gay community is there in Shasta?

FT: Using the Kinsey Institute rate of 10% to 20%, that would be 9,000 to 18,000 gay people in Shasta, but certainly not active.

MGW: Do you feel you get enough support from the gay community in your area of California?

FT: Yes and no. I prefer working with a relatively small group. It may be more tiring, but there seems to be more control.

MGW: What gay groups are there in Shasta County?

FT: Just one formal group, the Coalition for Human Rights. There is a core group composed of a dozen gay and non-gay men and women.

MGW: What projects are you currently involved with?

FT: In the CHR, we are actively supporting pro-gay legislation and the California Human Rights Advocates. We are also working to improve the conditions for a VD clinic and providing gay referrals for the local suicide prevention line.

MGW: Where do you see the CHR heading?

FT: I would like it to continue its political input. I hope it will evolve into a human rights-type commission, a body of people dealing with discrimination among minorities on a county-wide level.

MGW: Gays in Shasta are not openly gay, so how did you work around that problem when fighting Proposition 6?

FT: We did our education in a less open method compared to the metropolitan areas. We constantly assured any person who helped that his/her name would not be attached to any media coverage. We utilized non-gay persons within the group to deal with the media.

MGW: Your friends say you have an ability to go into a meeting with a speech on gay rights and come out of it with your audience not realizing you are gay. How do you explain this?

FT: Our community is ignorant in believing in the stereotypical gay. Since I'm not the stereotypical gay, they don't think I'm gay. Also, because I'm upfront with the issue, coming to them as an explainer, not a threat. They may not agree with me, but they take the time to listen.

MGW: What would you sum up about Shasta County and the north state in its attitudes toward gays?

FT: The north state can be positive and rewarding for any minority group. I would encourage any gay man or lesbian to visit here to enjoy and discover the outdoor recreation as is being done in the Sonoma County/Russian River area.

MGW: You are one of two openly gay Democratic Central Committee chairpersons in California. How do you account for being unanimously re-elected by the committee in a red-neck county?

FT: It's because I am straight-forward and look at them in the eyes. it soothes their fears and makes them trust me.

MGW: Proposition 6 was defeated 3-2 in California; what can you say about its passage in Shasta by 17 votes?

FT: While there was heavy media work against Proposition 6, the underlying religious fundamentalist right-wing groups worked quietly among themselves to maintain an atmosphere of ignorance about homosexuality. I don't consider 17 votes significant; I was happy with that. Perhaps we felt too comfortable and didn't contact 17 people we should have.

MGW: What do you do differently from gay activists in more cosmopolitan surroundings?

FT: It's not what I do, but what I don't do. I don't have to publicly let it be known I'm a gay person. This fact is figured out either through intuition or through gossip. By then people have decided, I'm not a threat, I am going to recruit, I'm not going to change them into a homosexual. The way people let me know that they know I'm gay is generally through an indirect message in the conversation that alludes to some point that they could care less what other people do. I don't feel that I work differently than other gay activists, I just use a different public relations technique. Not everyone wants to know or has to know that another person is gay.

MGW: Much of your political work is on local issues and with the Democratic party; has it opened up many opportunities to advance gay causes also?

FT: As chair of the DCC, it was easier for me to get the committee as a whole to work against Proposition 6 comfortably and actively. At the Democratic convention in Sacramento, I was involved in the rural caucus and the lesbian/gay caucus which allowed me to actively support resolutions pertaining to gay/human rights. Recently I requested the DCC to support AB1 and SB18, which they did.

MGW: What about your local legislators?

FT: I communicate regularly with my district assemblyperson and senator, both of whom are moderate to conservative Republicans. At this time, neither of them seems movable from their current political philosophy.

MGW: Do you have any hopes for more liberal legislators for Northern California?

FT: Certainly I have hope, but for some odd reason, the extreme north and extreme south of California attract the conservative vote. I am on an election committee for a local person running for state office in 1980, who I feel will be more balanced and conscious toward gay issues.

MGW: In a remote area where there are no gay outlets, how do you keep informed on gay issues?

FT: I subscribe to gay periodicals and mailing lists. I make phone calls to political activists throughout the state. I make frequent visits to Sacramento and San Francisco where I visit with activists and pick up local periodicals. I also keep in touch with the other side. I'm on Rev. Jerry Farwell's mailing list and Anita's mailing lists, so I can keep up on their heartrending pleas.

MGW: How do you find time to do all you are doing?

FT: Meetings only take up about four evenings a month, so there is a lot of in-between contact time. I think we are all capable of spreading ourselves out as long as we keep a sense of organization.

MGW: Do you feel that you are still a newcomer to the political arena?

FT: Yes. It's a challenge just learning the terminology, let alone the political structure.

MGW: Where are you heading?

FT: I know more what I don't want to do than what I want to do. I don't want to run for public office. Elected public officials tend to become embroiled in paper work and ineptness. By remaining one of the "people," I can be free to work from issue to issue. I don't want to become a gay figurehead, but a figurehead who happens to be gay. My fantasy goal is to work in an advisory capacity.

MGW: How do you see your activity 10 or 15 years from now?

FT: The older I get, the more of a radical activist I'll become. I think age can allow that to happen.

MGW: What do you think of the October gay march on Washington, D.C.?

FT: I'm concerned about the timing. It doesn't link-up with anything important like the traditional gay pride week. I'm concerned about the enormous amounts of money needed to bring it off and the short time we have to raise it. I will decide near the date if I will go. I'll probably get caught up in the last minute rush of "wait-and-seers."

MGW: How do you feel about Governor Brown?

FT: I'm in love with him. (Laughing) Seriously, I have been a supporter of Governor Brown and I feel what he is doing for gay rights may not seem fast enough for some people, but I'm confident he will do something significant before his term is up.

MGW: How do you feel about the overall gay movement?

FT: After travelling in Europe last summer and observing and reading about the European gay movement, it seems the only difference between their movement and ours is our sophisticated political approach. Foreign laws don't permit everyone a fair amount of flexibility. The rest of the world looks toward the American gay rights struggle for encouragement and impetus.

All minorities, perhaps most everyone, are in for an era of restriction. All the gains we have made in the last 10 years could be reversed, but hopefully we will be able to sustain ourselves. We will be showing that person who has been an alleged enemy that we too merely want to survive.

MGW: Any last comments you might want to share?

FT: In regards to current legislation dealing with fair treatment of gays in employment, I hear some statewide activists and leaders saying that there isn't an organized vehicle to take this type of legislation forward. There is, of course, and that is the California Human Rights Advocates. CHRA needs support of individuals and groups and not an attack on it. In the CHRA we have a successful and proper structure. Now let's back it with both financial and human resources.

Members and supporters of the Coalition for Human Rights of Shasta County *meet once a month in Frank's home.*

Frank with his lover, Bud, and their dog, Petra.

Frank produced a talk show on gays for Reddings PBS affiliate in May. (See June's issue of MGW)

HANDICAP~ABLE

Sexy in a Wheelchair

by Tony Martin

It is hard to be sexy in a wheelchair. Hard but not impossible. For regardless of your handicap you can function within the gay world. You can go to the bars and meet people. You can go to the baths and beaches. In short, you can do anything you have the will power to do. These places are there for all of us. But you must be willing to put forth a little effort.

I have tried to get around to all the places in the area in order to learn firsthand if it is possible to move socially in Sacramento while in a wheelchair. Some are more difficult than others, but they are all accessible.

This month I made a special trip to the Steamworks. This was to see how well any handicapped person could function in an atmosphere such as the Steamworks.

The entry is a little difficult, but not impossible; a ramp would make it accessible to all. The staff was extremely friendly, and made every attempt to make me feel welcome. I was not made to feel awkward in any way. Most areas are easily gotten to, but the upstairs rooms are out unless you have a couple of very strong friends. I was fortunate in that I did. The film room was worth the effort. The steam room and jacuzzi are difficult, but could be managed.

All in all I found it to be worth investigating. So if you are inclined to go, don't let your handicap stop you. It takes a little courage to roll around the halls in a chair, but after a while you find that there are some very nice people who see beyond any inconvenience your chair might cause.

This was my first visit to a place to explore it for the viability of it for others. I will try to visit other social outlets in the future.

There are many questions concerning handicapped people coming my way. I will try to answer all questions in future columns. But most of all I will try to open doors that have been too long closed.

It is up to me to prove to the community that I am an asset and not a liability. I must put forth that extra effort in order to show that I am normal inside. I function just like anyone else. I can do anything I want, if I am willing to work for it.

For I am learning that I can be sexy in a wheelchair. And so can anyone, whatever their handicap. But it takes time and effort. Effort on both sides. We must be willing to talk about our can-do's and not our can't-do's.

If you have any questions regarding the handicapped gay person, please feel free to write me in care of MGW, or call 486-8176. For with communication we all learn, and we can grow together.

Gay and Deaf

by Rick Cartiere

"Twenty million people in this country cannot hear you when you speak to them. They can not easily watch television, or listen to political speeches, call the police on the telephone, or easily walk into a store and buy something from a sales clerk. That's a ratio comparable to every black person in the U.S.

I was talking with Jerry Silva, an author who is presently writing a book to be entitled **The Natural Way to Sign.** Jerry explained that hearing-impaired people are ignored by most of society.

Sign language is a form of communication used by many hearing-impaired people. It's based on hand symbols for words and sentence fragments.

"California is probably the best place for the non-hearing. Almost all your political speeches are signed here, and here in San Francisco there are several organizations sponsoring social events which the deaf can attend."

Jerry explained that gay people have given tremendous support to non-hearing gays.

"It's remarkable. You walk down to the Badlands or to the Midnight Sun (both gay bars on Castro street) and you'll always see a number of them signing away. And many aren't deaf; just people who've learned a little and sometimes a lot of signs just to be able to communicate."

Sign language is a beautiful means of expression that has been used by all races and cultures at one time or another.

"Sign language is basically natural. It is an extension of the spoken word. It fulfills the word. Anyone learning dance or any form of the arts should study it."

Many signs are a picture of the idea. For example, the sign for the word "help" is an open palm lifting a clenched hand upwards.

In Sacramento there are a number of non-hearing gays. Many would be more active if people knew how to communicate. Most non-hearing people can lead normal lives if they wish. "Being deaf and being gay can make a person strong or leave him weak, "Jerry explained. "They can go roller-skating, discoing, go to the baths, or just sit at home. My lover, John, does it all."

'Living Sober' Conference July 6-8

The Western Round-Up, a fellowship of Gay Alcoholics Anonymous groups, will sponsor a Living Sober 1979 conference in San Francisco on the weekend of July 6-8. The site of the conference is the Unitarian Center, Franklin and Geary streets—close to a variety of lodging facilities and accessible by inexpensive public transportation.

The conference will feature numerous workshops, discussions, and speakers.

The registration fee for the conference is $15, but no one will be denied admission because he or she cannot afford the fee. Individuals and Gay A.A. chapters are donating money to defray the cost of the conference for those who cannot afford to pay.

The conference planning committee is making efforts to arrange private housing for those who need it, and they also have hotel information.

For more information, contact the Planning Committee, Western Round-Up, P.O. Box 31474, San Francisco, CA 94131. The Sacramento Gay A.A. group meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church, 1741 34th Street.

St. Martin's: Christianity In Davis

By Jeff Moore

Saint Martin's parish in Davis is a unique church in a unique town. It is a truly integrated Christian community, where gay and straight people worship together without prejudice and suspicion. The gospel message of love, hope, and reconciliation is not only preached, but lived. As a result, parish activities offer opportunities for learning, service, and growth.

To begin with, the parish staff encourages discussion about the origins of the Christian faith and its applications in contemporary society. Confirmation classes are held regularly, along with several midweek meetings for adults to study and worship together. In addition, evening study groups on topics of special interest, such as human sexuality and the eucharist, are held weekly. These activities inspire individuals to develop a faith that is not based on dogmatism and fear, but on freedom and love.

A major part of parish life deals with community service. Through the vestry and other committees, awareness of and involvement in local and national social problems is promoted. In this way, the church serves as an active agent for social change.

Saint Martin's offers numerous opportunities for spiritual growth. Lay persons play a significant role in the liturgical life of the parish. Men and women serve as lay readers, act as ushers and acolytes, sing in the choir, and read the Old and New Testament lessons on Sundays. In all these activities, the ideal is to involve as many people as possible in active service.

The Church of Saint Martin is an active, dynamic parish. It is located at 640 Hawthorn Lane in Davis, and the parish office can be contacted at 756-0444. Sunday services are held at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Rev. William G. Burrill, rector of Saint Martin's, says "We invite questions, discussions, and disagreement. We would enjoy having you share with us in our search for an ever deeper faith."

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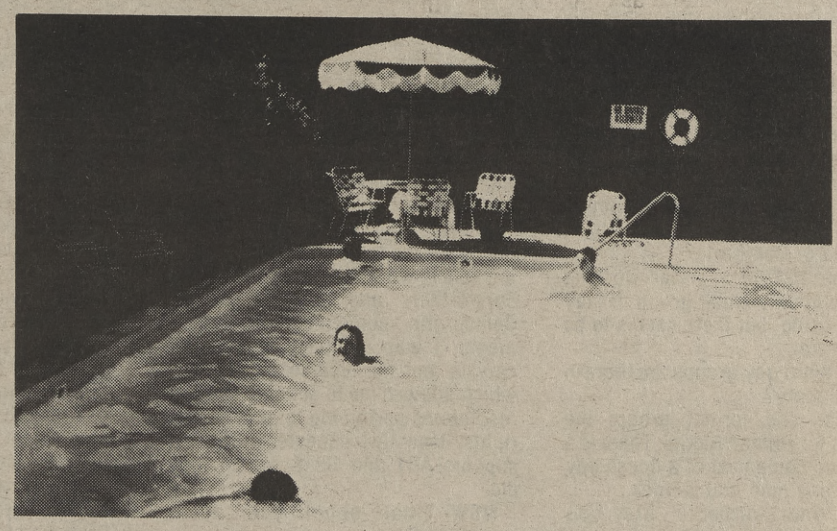

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Men's Group Forming

Two Sacramento men are looking for six to ten to join a consciousness raising group now forming. The group will meet weekly for about two hours and explore such areas as the success trip, sexuality and sensuality, equality among the sexes, assertiveness, how to make and be friends with other men, etc.

The group will begin Tuesday, July 24, and continue indefinitely.

Gary Miller (Sacramento Human Rights Commissioner and NOW member) and Gene Valeboe (trainer and body work therapist) will provide whatever leadership is needed.

Interested men should call Gary at 454-2176 or Gene at 456-9516 by July 17.

Califia Community Develops Feminist Consciousness

Califia Community, a women's feminist political education collective, is sponsoring several conferences and workshops during the summer throughout California.

Califia Community affords women with a feminist perspective time and place for coming together to discuss and develope political theory by living it. The sessions in this fourth year of Califia's existence will provide time for in-depth discussions of such essential issues as feminism, racism, class, and sexual preference. They will also study methods of community and political organizing.

Califia Community provides an opportunity for women to realize their personal power and to learn the skills necessary to use that power to change the world.

Children of both sexes through age 12 are included in Califia Community programs. Interested women may contact Califia Community, Inc., 1011 South Hudson Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90019, or telephone (213) 933-1496.

Relationship Group Forming

Sharing intimately and learning how to be a separate person with unique needs and expressing those needs assertively is NO EASY MATTER . . . Right?? . . . Susan Strong (455-3125) and Elene Johas (444-7353) are facilitating these evening groups. Call if interested.

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Med Center Discusses Positive Gay Approach

The theme wasn't how to treat the sickness of homosexuality, but rather how to treat gay people's problems, at the UC Medical Center in Sacramento on Monday evening, June 11. The occasion was the Department of Psychiatry's Grand Rounds, a presentation by professionals for professionals.

Organized by Dr. Brad Gould, Head Resident, the panel discussed "Homosexuality as a Lifestyle: Positive Approaches to the Psycho-Social Interface." It became apparent during the course of the evening that this meant something like "the connections between being gay and how people live their lives."

The panelists, all gay, were Paul Weidig, President of Dignity; Dr. Don Brown, Director of the Health Training Center, Berkeley; Marny Hall, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, UC School of Medicine, San Francisco; and Rita Cahn, LCSW, School of Medicine, UCSF. Hall and Cahn are also in private practice at the Center for Special Problems in San Francisco, a mental health clinic that specializes in working with gay women and men.

Weidig presented an overview of the Sacramento gay community, pointing out that it is dispersed, rather than concentrated. He depicted the community in Sacramento as having a sense of group feeling, but tending to come together only in adversity, and modeling itself on other, larger gay communities. He observed that Sacramento seems to have a higher than average number of couples in long-term relationships, and emphasized the connections between the oppression of women and the oppression of gay men.

Dr. Brown spoke on "Life in the Hidden Minority," bringing out important aspects of gay life and their effect on the individual's psychological functioning. He emphasized the total failure of objective test factors to predict or identify homosexuality. At the same time, he pointed out that gay people have to undergo more stress in their lives because of social taboos against homosexuality. He mentioned the difficulty of accepting one's sexuality, the lack of people to confide in, the negative effects of living a lie, and the limitations imposed by shaping one's life according to what others think. Still, he said, coming out is often a very liberating and healthy experience.

Hall discussed clinical issues, drawing primarily on her experience with lesbians in the Bay Area. She touched on the absurdity of trying to define "homosexuality," saying that it is a "cross between a unicorn and a red herring," and cited, for example, the numbers of lesbian mothers she encounters. "In their attempt to build the Amazon nation, it's ironic," she said, "that all these lesbians are having baby boys."

Hall emphasized the importance for therapists to realize the internalized homophobia of their clients, and to understand how their homosexuality is the constant backdrop to their lives. It is indispensable, she said, to use all available community resources in the patients' therapy. Hall also pointed out that gay therapists may suffer from over-identification with gay clients, and may need to consult with a trusted non-gay colleague to provide the most effective treatment.

Cahn, too, discussed clinical issues, identifying several processes that may be going on in the client's head when he/she comes for therapy. These include fear of being diagnosed as sick for being gay, fear of being seen only as gay, fear of admitting that coming out does not solve all of one's problems, and wanting to test the therapist's attitudes toward homosexuality. She noted that gay clients seem more at ease with a gay therapist, especially when discussing sexuality, and are often relieved to hear that they are not alone among gays in having problems with sexual performance.

A lively and informative discussion period followed the panel's presentations. In reply to a question disputing Paul Weidig's assertion that many gays in Sacramento are in long-term relationships, Marny Hall cautioned against investing too heavily in the notion that longer is better, and reminded the audience that it is the quality of the relationship that counts. "Relationships can be divine in one hour or 20 years," she said. "And they can be dreadful in the same amount of time."

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Although it appears an oasis of low-level activity and relaxation in this too-rushed world, Nicole's can't get the background music low enough to furnish pleasant and relaxing background. On the other hand, they can't get enough light on at dinner to allow patrons to read the menu or the wine list.

Speaking of the wine list, it is bound in (real) leather, but is floppy and limp through lack of support, like a flapping sail when a ship is captained by a careless mariner. And while the rough cut decorating is superficially attractive, it doesn't quite fit together, especially with the dingy yellow-painted ceiling. All this lack of attention to the details that provide comfort to the diner would be forgiveable if the food didn't suffer from the same lack of attention to the details.

While soups are home made, at least sometimes they run out by eight in the evening, and understandably. The alternative salad comes prettily decked out — slice of cucumber, thin shavings of red cabbage and carrots, a single wedge of tomato on a bit of red leaf lettuce and romaine. Unfortunately the romaine on more than one occasion had roughly the texture and consistency of shoe leather, while the thin shavings of carrot were woody. The oil and vinegar dressing had interesting herbs but was much too sweet; however, considering the microscopic quantity provided, this can be forgiven, almost.

Main courses include the omelette that I believe made their reputation years ago. It is acceptable, but these days the dinner menu runs strongly to more expensive seafood and crepes, with a token plate of meat for the carnivore and vegetables for the vegetarian.

The fish entrees suffer uniformly from blandness. One night the red snapper was nicely poached, attractively garnished with a bit of tomato. While the texture and doneness were acceptable, not so much as a lemon wedge or other condiment was offered (except on the menu explanation of the dish) to add piquancy to the rather bland fish and poaching liquid.

Seafood crepes suffered from the same blandness — a mixture of shrimp, crab, and snapper, enclosed by two crepes. The problem here was a gummy flour-based paste for a sauce that had cooled by the time it was served. While shellfish and shrimp can be nurtured into flavorsome and delicate delights, here the overwhelming taste was flour. Again, no piquancy was provided as a counterpoint.

Garnishes suffered from the same carelessness. One night broccoli accompanied the main course — every entree gets the same vegetable garnish at night. Some flowerets were quite acceptable — tender yet not mushy. Several others on the same plate seemed overly tired and ready to be creamed in soup. The rice pilaf hid in its corner, so unremarkable it was — though on occasion it was quite gummy. On the other hand, there wasn't much of it — a mere spoonful or two.

Luncheon dishes suffered from similar problems — spinach in spinach crepes was vastly overcooked, while smothered in the familiar bland flour sauce, cold before the plate even arrived at the table. Other similar examples were too numerous to chronicle.

Desserts suggest the mundane — cheesecake, chocolate mousse, and so forth. They were not exceptional either in appearance or taste.

The wine list has bottles of interest — almost exclusively devoted to California varieties, mostly vintage dated, and not priced totally out of line. There are two house wines — the insipid Foppiano generics, and, much finer Robert Mondavi generics. The house wines, however, are extremely expensive.

Highlighting the careless attitude of the entire establishment is the consistently slow and often thoughtless service. On one evening, the waiter almost knocked over a wine glass as he served the main course — and apologized, noting that it was the third time he had done the same thing that evening. On the other hand, the same waiter confused who had ordered what — not common or expected when there were only two of us. Empty breadbaskets were refilled only on spoken request, sometimes repeated. And on other occasions, repeated requests had to be made for a dipping stick for the honey pot that is found on each table.

Dinner prices are in the middle range — from over four dollars for the omelet, sliding up to almost nine dollars for the beef. Lunches are somewhat less. On the other hand, the staff can be so careless that you should check the tab carefully — more than once it has been incorrect, and not always in the restaurant's favor. If they add it correctly however, the dinner should run six to ten dollars per person, if a modest bottle of wine and sometimes deservedly meager tip is included.

LOOKING FOR A STRAIGHT TABLE IN A GAY RESTAURANT.

NEWSBRIEFS....

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI)—An American Lutheran Church committee said Wednesday it is all right to be homosexual but it is wrong to participate in "homosexual erotic behavior."

The committee's draft will be submitted to the 4,850 ALC congregations for "comment, counsel and criticism," then revised if necessary and presented to the 1980 ALC convention for action.

The committee asked church members "to be more understanding and sensitive to life as experienced by those who are homosexual."

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SAN FRANCISCO—Public utilities may not be the only employers affected by the California Supreme Court's decision banning arbitrary job discrimination against homosexuals.

According to two attorneys who handled the original suit, the ruling also could apply to all California employers regardless of the size of their firms.

Legal sources close to the Supreme Court said Thursday's decision means that if a homosexual is fired by any employer—or refused employment—solely because of "manifest activity" in gay causes or organizations, it could be construed as violating that employee's right to engage in political activity and, therefore, a violation of the state Labor Code.

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CHICO—A new disco in Chico called Third And Up has at two different times kicked gay people out for same-sex dancing. The manager told a group of men, "Go to your own place and dance or we'll kick you out by your ass." On another night, he is reported to have told a group of women to "go home and dance with your girlfriends." Ironically, a few nights before, the disco held a dance contest and the manager would not allow two straight men to enter the contest together, even though the audience applauded and supported the men.

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Los Angeles—On June 27, 1979 listener-supported non-commercial radio station KPFK (90.7 FM) observed the tenth anniversery of "Stonewall" with an entire day of programming by and about lesbians and gay men, prepared by the producers of "Lesbian Sisters" and "I.M.R.U." (The Gay Radio Collective), two regularly-scheduled programs on KPFK.

This year's second annual "Gay Day on KPFK", from 9:15 a.m. until midnight, included selections from gay-related programming which aired on various radio stations around the country as early at 1968 (before the new wave of gay activism), culled from the archives of the Pacifica Program Service, along with highlights of past program features on "I.M.R.U." and "Lesbian Sisters". "Gay Day On KPFK" featured music, written and performed by lesbians and gay men, historical reviews, gay news reports, personality interviews, poetry, comedy and dramatic material, live studio guests such as author Christopher Isherwood and psychologist Dr. Evelyn Hooker, and open phone lines for listener participation throughout the day and evening.

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Los Angeles' first gay rights ordinance which bans discrimination based on sex and sexual orientation in employment, housing and business won overwhelming approval in the City Council on May 30. The ordinance would provide for civil damages but no criminal penalties. The vote was 13 to 2 with only dedicated homophobes John Gibson and Robert Wilkinson voting against it.

A special thank you goes to Joel Wachs and Peggy Stevenson who sponsored the measure.

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WASHINGTON—An Episcopal Church committee has recommended that the church allow homosexuals to become priests.

The 2.8 millon-member denomination's Standing Commission on Human Affairs and Health said that while some homosexual behavior "constitutes a disqualification for ordination," there should be "no barrier to the ordination of those homosexual persons who are able and willing to conform their behavior to that which the church affirms as wholesome."

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The Fund For Human Dignity, The Howard Brown Memorial Fund, is now beginning its work as an educational foundation serving the gay and non-gay communities.

The goal of the Fund is to establish a comprehensive educational effort to attack the fundamental problem of ignorance of gay issues in the country.

Through grants to the National Gay Task Force, the Fund has already helped support projects consistent with our educational goals, such as the "Weeks of Dialogue" with parents, families, friends and the media in the spring of 1978.

The Fund will sponsor a series of pamphlets on such topics as Gay Issues in Psychiatry and Psychology, Gay Parents and Custody Issues, Gay Issues in Secondary Education, Gay Issues and Trade Unions, and Feminism and the Gay Rights Movement.

Also under discussion are such projects as education through advertising, commissioned works on Homosexual Studies (such as the lesbian resource book, **Our Right to Love**, produced recently by NGTF); providing reference materials to local libraries, and the establishment of a permanent reference center.

The Fund is seeking tax deductible contributions to support its work. Write The Fund for Human Dignity, Inc., 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.

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Legislation to protect homosexuals against discrimination in housing, employment, public facilities and federally assisted programs was introduced into Congress on March 29 by Representatives Henry A. Waxman and Ted Weiss (D-NY). Waxman represents the Hollywood and central Los Angeles area in Congress.

The bill, HR 2074, is co-sponsored by 38 other members of the House of Representatives. It is the first time the Gay Rights Bill has had two chief sponsors. It was originally known as the Abzug bill, then the Koch bill. Weis represents Abzug's former district. Local Representatives should be lobbied by their constituents to become sponsors.

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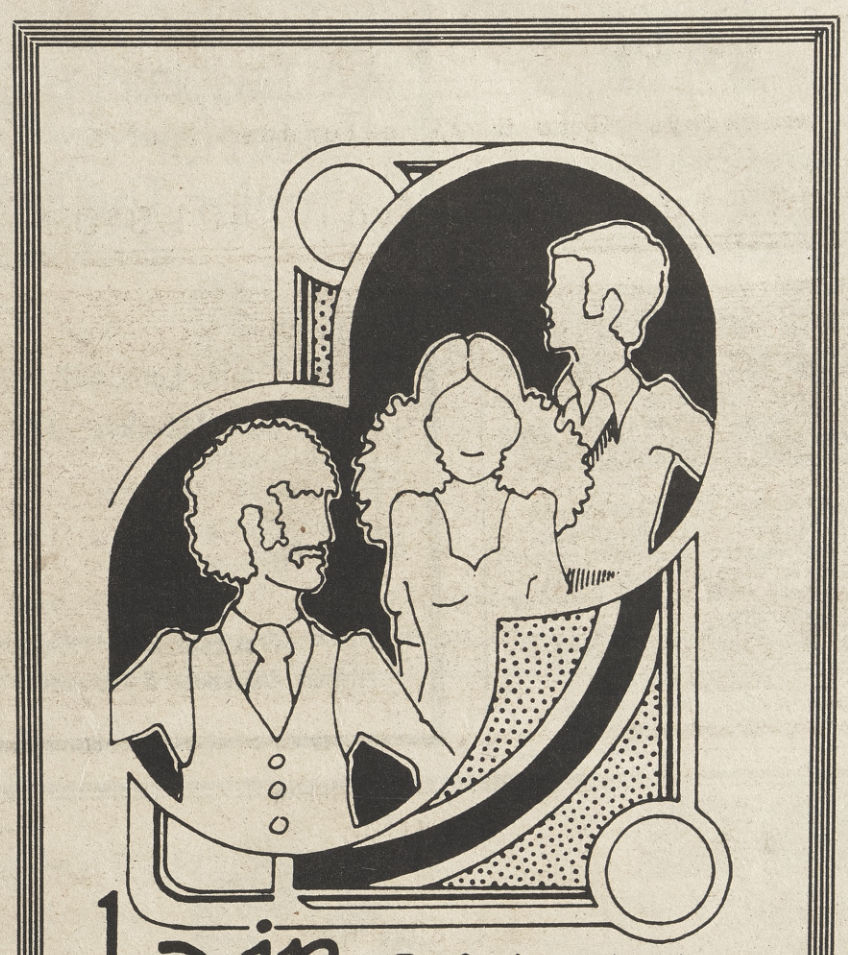

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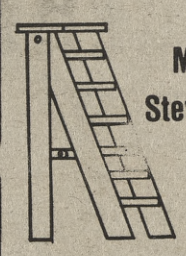

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Pennies . . .

by Annie Overby

"I'm not going and that's my final word."

"You never have a final word. Besides, you're the one who brought the subject up. Now let's just go down to the railroad tracks and smash some pennies. You'll have fun, it will be exciting, nothing bad will happen."

"I hate excitement."

"I believe you believe that."

"Thank you, you superior little thing, you. Come the next war you be careful they don't excite you right into uniform."

"I don't have to worry. Mom says she'll take me to Canada."

"Her heart's in the right place, but you know she gets lost between Sacramento and Roseville."

"She always gets there eventually."

"Granted. Late, but in handsome style."

"I'm almost as tall as she is now. When I'm as tall as she is will I be as smart as she is?"

"Only if you wear elevator shoes."

"You always take the side of the big people."

"When War comes always take the side of the larger illusion. Especially if you happen to be one."

"The train runs every 20 minutes, come on."

"I can't go. It's hot out there. I can't take the heat."

"I know you think you can't. But this isn't the 19th century and you're not English at heart. You don't have to bear the white man's burden, all you have to do is sweat!"

"Perspire!"

"Maybe you are English at heart. Maybe there's no hope for you. Maybe you'll just sit in the shade until you turn into a crumpet."

"Well, wait now! I went roller skating didn't I!"

"Only because there were four of us who twisted your arm. And then you were more concerned about breaking your ass than liberating your spirit."

"And you were more concerned about breaking my spirit and liberating my ass, I suppose?"

"Exactly! I held your hand didn't I?"

"You held my hand long enough to get me going fifty miles an hour and then let me go to see what would happen. I had to spin around that telephone pole 47 times before I could stop! And you laughed!"

"Of course I laughed. All those strangers were laughing at you why shouldn't I? I'm your friend! Shit!"

"You're eleven years old. Don't say shit."

"You say shit."

"I say shit with a great deal of eloquence. You say just plain shit."

"That's how you should say shit! You're 37 years old and you can't even say plain shit right! Come to the railroad tracks!"

"Walk in front of me."

"How come you never put a penny on the track when you were a kid?"

"Only little boys were encouraged to derail trains."

"Why didn't you just go ahead and do it anyway?"

"Because they told me it would derail the train! All those innocent men, women and babies smashed into so much jelly before my guilty eyes! And I believed everything they told me.

"I don't believe anything they tell me."

"You're a Californian! You were born under a redwood tree with roach clips dangling from either ear! Nothing gets to you! I was born out there in the real world! I had nothing between me and them except my dog, Sir Galahad!"

"Is he the same one who bit you when you got up in the middle of the night and go to the bathroom and you've still got the scar on your behind?"

"No, that was my uncle Elliot. He was staying in town with us for a few days to attend an American Legion convention."

"I don't have any relatives as interesting as that."

"Have you ever gotten up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom?"

"No."

"Wise child."

"We got about 50 pennies here. Let's spread 'em out."

"If one penny will derail a train what do you think 50 pennies will do? Orphanages will burn all over the land!"

"Here comes the train."

"Oh, my God! All those innocent passengers!"

"There are no passengers. It's a freight."

"Bums ride freights! I'm a Democrat! It hurts me more to kill one innocent bum than 47 simple ordinary citizens! Democrats go to hell for that!"

"Relax. This is California. What could happen?"

"Doesn't God visit justice upon California?"

"Only in leap years. Besides, God's out of the state on business. Mike Curb is covering for him. There goes the train!"

"Here come the cops!"

"Okay, Lady, what goes on?"

"Officer, I just love your uniform! I was accosted by this young ruffian! He forced me against my will to place the sacred visage of Abraham Lincoln beneath those cold gargantuan wheels of merciless steel! Thank Heaven you've come!"

"Okay, you little twirp. How'd them pennies get flattened?"

"Inflation?"

"I ain't got no sense of humor, kid. Get in the car. Take my advice, Lady, don't go out in public places no more. It ain't safe."

"The number of your forces on the streets is proof enough of that, Officer! Once again the Law has seen the truth and saved the day. God bless you!"

"And Lady, give them sacred visages of Old Abe a decent God-fearing burial, won't ya?"

"You got it, John Law. Amen!"

She watched the police car until it was a sad little speck in the distance. Then a gleam of burnished metal grabbed her eyes. The sun had alchemized the pennies into gold! When tossed in the hand the flattened disks rang and sang as only gold coins must!

"The little devil has made me rich!" she thought.

She took the gold down to the station and bailed the kid out. Then they went to Gunther's for a double chocolate chip. After all, the kid might come in handy again. She had always wanted to jump out of an airplane. Besides, the gold was theirs together. And, she guessed she loved him.

Over twenty gays from the Chico area participated in the filming of an ABC TV News Close-up on Homosexuality last month. Seated in center is gay activist Amber Hollibaugh from San Francisco.

ABC News Films Chico Gays

by E.B. Hinkle

A small crew from ABC TV news went to Chico last month to film a segment of an ABC News Close-up on homosexuality. The crew was all-female, except the camera-man, and included a lesbian. It was headed by producer-director Helen Whitney and supported by a free-lance filming crew.

The news close-up includes filmed segments from New Orleans, New York, and San Francisco. The San Francisco segment includes gay activist Amber Hollibaugh, who traveled by herself last fall throughout Northern California to several rural areas to whip up opposition to Proposition 6. Hollibaugh asked ABC to return with her to Chico to film a discussion with her rural friends. ABC agreed and Hollibaugh contacted the Lesbian/Gay Cause of Butte County so they could select a location for the filming and invite all interested gays.

The Chico group met with Hollibaugh and ABC for the taping on May 26 at the Rainbow Theatre. With the hot lights on and the camera running, the group of about twenty participants sat in a circle on the floor listening to a lengthy monologue by Hollibaugh concerning the Proposition 6 aftermath, gay life in rural areas, and the Dan White verdict and San Francisco riot. Hollibaugh said that she faces possible indictment before a grand jury along with several others for inciting a riot because of a speech she made the night of the riot in San Francisco.

The final footage of the over two-hour taping was used to film the feelings of the participants about being publicly exposed as gay people on national prime-time TV. For several, there was concern for their parents who didn't know they were gay. One lesbian was concerned that her ex-husband might take her son away from her. One gay man was concerned that his landlord might evict him, and another that his church wouldn't understand. Others were concerned about their jobs, but several felt they had nothing to lose.

The ABC News Close-up is tentatively scheduled for October to coincide with the gay march on the nation's capitol and may exceed its planned one-hour format.

Hours prior to the ABC taping that Saturday, three of the participating lesbians, Lisa Buckner, Pamela Wolf, and Judy Winn, were heard on a local FM radio station, KFMF in Paradise. Announcer Janet Rew interviewed the three women for the station's community weekend show, "Valley Flow."

The women discussed gay life in Chico and community's need for consciousness raising. They also discussed the problem of discrimination in Chico and how the supportive university community treat gays in contrast to how the permanent Chico community treats them. The Chico-based support groups, the Gay Peoples Union, the Lesbian/Gay Cause of Butte County, and the Parents and Friends of Gays, were also discussed. The 45-minute segment of the one-hour show was re-aired the next morning.

A spokesperson for KFMF said they received no flack from the community concerning the show. He added that they had done other shows with gays, so this wasn't new to the community. He felt most radio stations ignored their obligations to serve the community in this way. Later this summer, KFMF plans to devote time discussing the gay community with gay men also.

Lisa Buckner, Pamela Wolf, and Judy Winn (l-r) taped a 45 minute show on gay life in Chico for Paradise radio Station, KFMF.

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GAYS IN THE COUNT

Linda Bailey's Mountain Release

by Bill Spiller

RELEASE (verb)—to let loose again, to set free, to let go, to relieve, as from pain or trouble. Synonyms: relax, free. This is how the dictionary defines the word release.

RELEASE as defined by Linda Bailey is a "vehicle to allow women to explore alternatives in their lives."

RELEASE, a non-profit organization, is the brainchild of its director, Linda Bailey. RELEASE is located approximately 15 miles from Nevada City on 151 acres of breathtaking mountainous terrain. Bordered on the south by the Tahoe National Forest and on the east, west, and north by private property, RELEASE's grounds offer a more than perfect setting to get in touch with one's self.

Still in its formative stages, RELEASE serves many functions. "Currently," Linda explains, "RELEASE offers a place for all women (straight or lesbian) to get away, reevaluate and resolve conflicts in their lives through communing with nature."

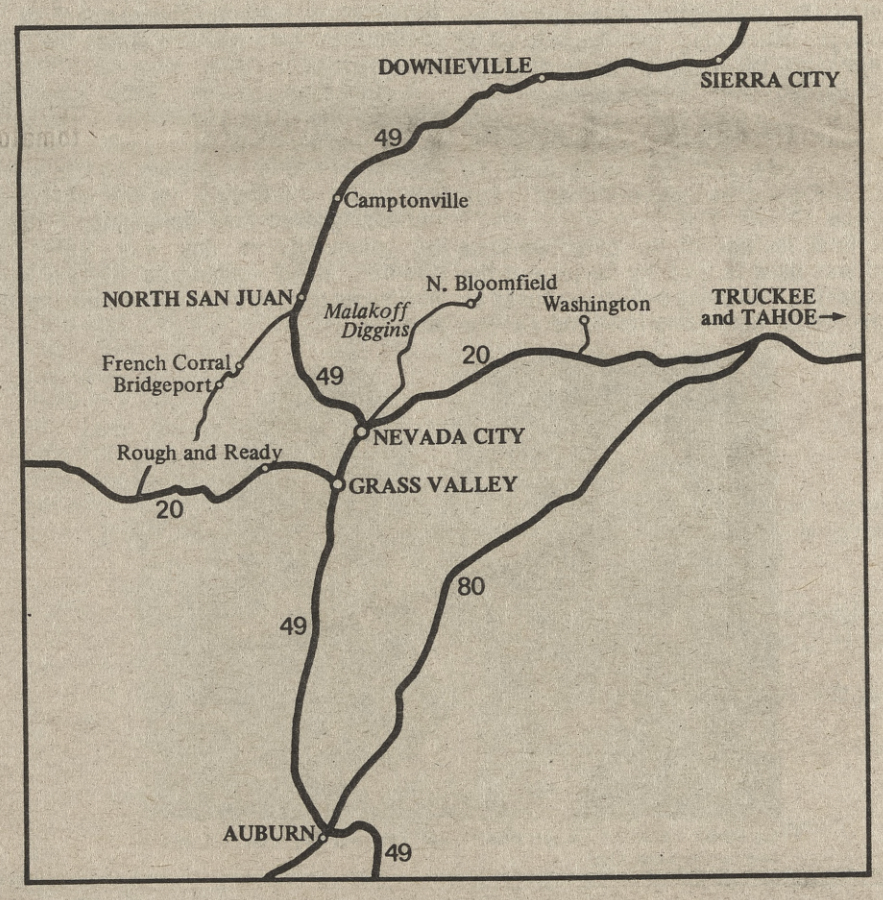
Linda is a well-educated woman, who just a few years ago was a teacher and therapist before deciding this was it, her "dream came true." Linda's love of the country and humanity combined with her educated skills and sexuality, equals a woman dedicated to an ideal and directive that is sure to succeed. Linda thrives on living in the country. Just talking about country living get her excited; she glows from within.

"Life is never redundant here, unlike city life with the 8-5 routine. It (city life) is a constant melodrama. I am the instrument of this place . . . the grabbing force . . . RELEASE provides me a chance to offer a place for women to be . . . a space."

Linda and a few volunteers, especially one steadfast and amiable woman, Jane King, have in the past months installed a running water system from underground springs, constructed a sextagual-frame living area, a shower and bath, a self-watering garden, and even solar heating for water in the works is a house. Excellent, considering that Linda has a severe physical handicap that restricts her from standing or sitting even for short periods of time.

Linda is so comfortable with her life in the country she wants to afford other women this opportunity to explore the possibility. RELEASE currently offers memberships, camping, intensive counseling, workshops in many areas of growth and fun, good company, and one of the most spectacular expanses of scenery to boot. In the near future, Linda plans to offer a shelter for women in transition or crisis situations.

Linda can be reached for further questions or literature or an offer of much-needed volunteer help by writing RELEASE, 220 Main #4, Nevada City, CA, 95959.



Just Across The River

by Jody Fenimore

I've experienced a rural lifestyle in various countrysides from upstate New York to California and found the happiest compromise right here in Broderick.

A unique political history and a community of low income agri-business families allows us rural freedoms while Sacramento sits like a jewel across the river.

Politicians used to seek refuge in Broderick to be out of Sacramento's political district and still receive favors of prostitution and gambling. With this custom abandoned, a lot of land and buildings were left waiting for someone with a creative eye. Also, most families in Broderick entertain the American dream and see the environment we inhabit as a downward step in ghetto living. In fact, it is ghetto living. Our farm is a rural ghetto condensed into a tight ecological unit.

What we have are chickens, a milking goat named Lucille, two dogs, three people, two houses, and a huge garden. It can sound like so little, but to keep it functioning takes expertise in managerial skills. I've been here since August, and thus far, the chickens much to their happiness have no pen. They cluck through the garden, lay eggs in the most homey hiding places and roost in the trees. Lucille, the goat, does have her own pasture, but would much prefer being out with the chickens to seek her own spots for eating and entertainment.

The weeds in the garden grow just as profusely as the vegetables, and judging from Lucille's reaction, are just as tasty and probably just as healthy.

What does it mean to be gay and choose a lifestyle out of the urban sprawl? Number one for me, it means leading a life that I innately understand. I grew up on a farm in Washington State and inherited the ability to nourish plant and animal life, which enhances my own.

As far as physical and social intimacy goes, I find life lonelier and less inhabited by other gays. This is not because of the lack of access to bars, clubs, ect. . . , but because of the alienation of lifestyles. Most of my thoughts and interests center around my home environment. My social energies, therefore, are directed towards chatting with neighbors, taking kids to the levee, or just sitting and entertaining myself.

I do have political and social convictions, but the reality of my life makes them seem more of a frustration than a joy. Sometimes, I feel as if I maintain a stark foundation of political and social knowledge just so I'll have something to rap about other than my country life.

I'm received well here in Broderick and everyone has a story to tell of a gay person they once knew, a gay relative, whatever. I even find that friends want to match-make with a friend or co-worker in Sacramento, who they just know I'll love.

It can be seen from two sides, but what I choose to hear is, "we like you and want you to be as satisfied as possible." I often tell people, though, that it's out of choice, not desolation, that I'm not surrounded by admirers.

For me, there are only advantages to rural living. Even the seeming disadvantages can be advantages. For instance, when I say I lack a rich social and sexual life, I could just as easily say I lack a compulsive social and sexual life. As a gay person who lacks a conventional family unit, I gather family comfort and security from the earth and its animals. When our retired neighbor, Coyote, comes over to rap about the goat, who he calls our "lawnmower," I feel a strong sense of community and comradeship.

My Comrades and I have a goal in this endeavor, and that is to learn what we can for the purpose of sailing around the world, and being as self-sufficient as possible. Sailing may lead to homesteading somewhere in the world, or it may lead to being gypsies from port to port.

However it works, though, there will be little time for discontent, as we'll be together, and constantly exercising our life skills and spirits of adventure.

Let me add that if anyone is considering establishing a rural environment for themselves do it.

Look beyond consumerism, think imaginatively and above all, be prepared and unafraid to learn.

No plant or animal is a dumb life force, and each has his own special knowledge and contribution towards nature's most wonderful life system.

Country Life Is O.K. But . . .

by Bill Spiller

Gail Smith, a gay woman living in the foothills of Sacramento, finds life in the country very different from city life. "I've lived here since I was a teenager. In the city there are the constant interruptions and hustle of running here and there. Living in the country is quiet. No sirens in the middle of the night waking you up . . . peaceful."

Although Gail lives in the country she regularly commutes to the cities surrounding her home to perform at various functions. Gail is her own one-woman show. She is versatile on lead and bass guitar, sax and vocals. She has provided the music for such performers as Lee Garland and Michael Greer. Through over-dubbing, it is possible for Gail to sing and play the guitar while a tape accompanies with drums, piano, and bass. "In effect I can be hired as a band for the price of one," she jokes.

Although nothing but the ocean can beat country living for Gail, her career objectives are steering her towards city living every day. "You can enjoy local recognition here, but only in the city can I get a wider recognition of my talents."

Gail's advice for gays contemplating a move to the country from city living is, "Be aware. If you're really into the social scene, the social life for gays in the country is the pits."

When queried about any problems with neighbors or "rednecks", Gail's feeling was that this is not a major concern. "Neighbors are more concerned with the upkeep of your property and appearances of such, than with your sexual preference. There are more rednecks here than in the city," she emphasizes. "I may be performing in a bar and a redneck may walk in and declare his 'dislike' for 'queers.' You learn to keep peace, you keep your mouth shut . . . for obvious reasons. Check out all your concerns before moving to the country. Living here can't be beat for peacefulness and scenery, but it can get lonely."

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Food and Friends in the Gold Country

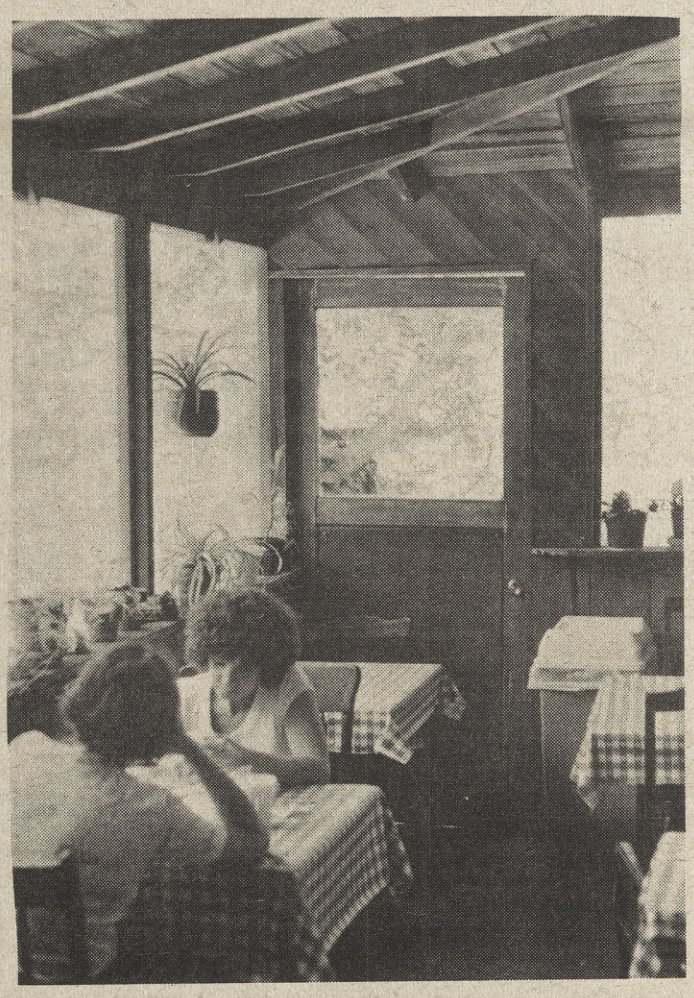
by James K. Graham

On a recent Saturday, in an exploratory mood, we drove up to Auburn to see if we could find any evidence of the gay life that was rumored to be there.

Actually, we knew that there was at least one place, Awful Annie's Sandwichery in Old Town, that was friendly to gay people and invited our patronage. The owner, Cory McLean, had placed an ad in the June issue of MOM . . . GUESS WHAT . . . !

So we parked and walked up Sacramento Street looking for Awful Annie's. It didn't take long: the cheerful bright red and white umbrellas shading the tables on the deck attracted us at once. Inside, the menu was equally attractive, featuring sandwiches, home-made quiche and soup, salads, and an assortment of beer, wine, and other, non-alcoholic, drinks.

During the course of our very pleasant conversation with Cory, we found out that Annie's is a comfortable spot for anyone in Auburn, gay or non-gay, local or tourist, to have an informal meal. Many customers are regulars, coming in for lunch three or four times a week, while many people from out of town stop by because friends have recommended it.



Cory told us, "I wouldn't want anybody to come here just because I'm gay; but I'd love to have them come if they know they'll be comfortable."

No one should have any worry about that. Open at 11 a.m. seven days a week, with a pleasantly rustic dining room and the sunny deck, Annie's offers excellent and generous sandwiches and delicious quiche. Try the unique lemon-herb salad dressing; though it was a bit too sweet, it was a light and refreshing complement to the lettuce, tomato, and sprouts garnished with sunflower seeds.

Jazz lovers note: Annie's First Annual August Happening, on Tuesday, August 7, from 7 till 11 p.m. will feature traditional jazz by Jake Stock and the Abalone Stompers, with Jackie Coon. Tickets, on sale from July 1, cost $3 in advance and will be $4 at the door.

After lunch, we took a quick stroll around Old Town, alerted by Cory to look into Jim Pollard's tiny but charming shop, Knacks and Naturals, across from the old red fire station. It features live plants and dried arrangements, with a few other gift items.

Nevada City, about 26 miles north on Highway 49, was our next destination. We stopped at The Jacks restaurant and bar, just off the highway at 101 Broad Street. The restaurant, an elegant dinner house with a mouthwatering menu, is open from 6 till 9 every night except Tuesday. Downstairs is the bar, where lunch is served by Bruce the Burger Queen on the deck overlooking Deer Creek and drinks are dispensed by Bill, the friendly bartender. The dance floor and the friendly atmosphere attract not only the area's gay people, but also local straights.

We left Nevada City reluctantly; we could have spent the rest of the day exploring its hilly streets lined with striking Victorian houses, visiting the American Victorian Museum, or stopping in at the National Hotel for a drink.

But the afternoon was drawing to an end and we had one more stop to make—back in Auburn at E. & J. Cuisinery for dinner. On Lincoln Way at the east end of downtown, E. & J.'s is a comfortable, simply elegant restaurant in a house dating from 1884. The front porch is shaded by a large magnolia tree and fronted with masses of hydrangeas. Wheelchair access is through the very homey garden at the back of the house, near the vine-shaded terrace where lunch and Sunday brunch are served.

During our meal, we talked with Elaine, one of the two women who own E. & J.'s. The restaurant has been open for about 15 months and enjoys the steady support of Auburn residents as well as the patronage of Sacramentans who don't mind a short drive for a culinary treat.

The dinner menu begins with fondue for two or more at $5.95, an unusual and welcome offering. The poached turbot was excellent, as were the crab crepes, although the sauce was a trifle too salty. Here again we found an out-of-the-ordinary salad dressing, a delectable home-made ranch-style buttermilk and herb concoction. The wine list features a good selection of California vintages and a few French, German, and Italian offerings, reasonably priced.

Our tour through the Gold Country was one of the most pleasant we've taken recently. Gay life in Auburn and Nevada City is low-profile, rather than closeted. The traditional independence of mountain people seems to allow gays and non-gays to co-exist fairly harmoniously, yet fairly openly. The friendly mixing of people in the places we visited is enjoyable and refreshing; make the short drive sometime soon and try mountain hospitality for yourselves.

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Positively Gay

Reviewed by Harvey Thompson, M.D.

Positively Gay is a book "long overdue and badly needed," writes Evelyn Hooker, the world-renowned clinical psychologist, in her introduction. The twenty chapters that follow cover a wide range of contemporary and vicissitudinary (wow!) issues. Nearly every chapter is by a different writer one of the 21 contributing psychologists, lecturers, gay activists, lawyers, researchers, teachers, and parents of gays. Their impressive credentials are listed in the back of the book.

Positively Gay is helpful from the very first chapter, "Developing a Positive Gay Identity". The second and third chapters are on social opportunities for gay men and women respectively. The most outstanding chapter follows: "Achieving Success as a Gay Couple," by Betty Berzon, Ph.D.

Dr. Berzon is currently national president of the Gay Academic Union. Her fresh, uncommon viewpoint on gay relationships is bound to stir discussion and thought. As she explains, "going against previously held beliefs is always threatening, even when doing so is ultimately to our advantage . . ." She elaborates: "one of the most influential of such beliefs is the notion that monogomous marriage is the ideal arrangement for satisfying one's affection, affiliation and security needs. But it doesn't work as often as it does these days . . . it is not good enough for gay lovers to follow the straight marriage model without doing some serious questioning."

With this point of view she looks into what motivates gays to find someone, couple up, and "live happily ever after." She forces examination of this and other issues by suggesting partners go over their "contract." She then provides two pages of eight different topics which should be in this contract along with the pertinent questions to ask under each heading.

She bluntly states that every relationship is flawed and that "fighting is a necessity in a thriving relationship . . . is essential to the satisfying growth of any relationship." She even includes a couple of pages on the "Do's and Don'ts for Couple Fighting."

So far we've reviewed only a quarter of the book; there are 17 more chapters;

The next three are on gays and religion (Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish). These are followed by "Telling the Family You're Gay," which is complimented by "For Parents of Gays." The next two chapters are "Being a Gay Father" and "Being a Lesbian Mother." The gay father is Don Clark, author of the best-selling book **Loving Someone Gay**, who uses a letter he actually wrote his children three years ago and follows it with this year's letter.

An often-overlooked area in gay life is covered in this book with chapters on "The Older Lesbian" and "Adjustments to Aging Among Gay Men." The book concludes with chapters on gay professionals, job security, financial planning, and voting power.

In short, there's something for everyone in this book. It is the best yet, surpassing **The *Homosexual Matrix*** *in practical usefulness.*

Positively Gay will soon be available in the gay section at Tower Books. Anyone interested in joining together to discuss this book, please call 452-6946. We could benefit from discussing its wealth of ideas. In fact, the last four pages are an outline entitled "The Positively Gay Discussion Guide."

Here, the authors say that "one of the best approaches to attitude change is through social facilitation—learning in the context of an experience shared with others. Based on that knowledge we suggest use of group discussion of the contents of the book to enhance the probability that real attitude change will occur . . . The conspiracy of silence attending the concerns of gay people has been broken. It is crucially important that we talk, and keep talking. There must never be such a conspiracy again."

The Spada Report Picture and Mirror

The Spada Report by James Spada. Signet paperback, 338 pages, $2.50.
Reviewed by James K. Graham

Sociologists, psychiatrists, psychologists, and fundamentalists have all produced books studying homosexual men, tabulating, analyzing, pontificating. But not until James Spada produced **The Spada Report** had a gay man studied gay men—or rather asked them important questions about their lives and then organized and presented their answers.

Between November 1976 and July 1978, Spada distributed more than 10,000 copies of his 55-question survey. In addition, the questionnaire was printed in several widely distributed gay men's publications. Eventually, he received 1,038 completed questionnaires, from men aged 16 to 77.

Unlike many questionnaires, which are designed for easy, computerized tabulation and analysis but eliminate all nuance and qualification, Spada's questionnaire consisted largely of questions designed to elicit first a simple yes/no or similar statistically useful answer, then to encourage an explanation or elaboration of that answer. For example: "Do you have a lover? When and how did you meet? What is it about your lover that made you fall in love with him?"

The questions are arranged into six main categories: Coming Out, Gay Male Sexuality, Relationships, Women, Problems, and On Being Gay. They are thoughtful and provocative, and cover almost every important aspect of gay men's lives. In many instances, the questions were obviously designed to test the validity of commonly held beliefs about gay men. For example, the myth that there is no affection in gay sex crumbles—89.7% of respondents enjoy affection in sex. Likewise for the myth that gays are always alone and unloved—52% have a lover.

Other questions and the answers to them discredit such stereotypes as "gay men really want to be women" (97% do not), and "all gay men are unhappy" (only 12.6% are not happy).

Interesting as the statistics are, however, it is the quotations from the discursive responses that are the most fascinating. Many men wrote long personal essays in response to the questionnaire, providing an intense sense of reality behind the cold statistics. Too often, I think, we don't really share the experiences of our fellow gay men; we have no sense of whether or not others share our feelings. Personal reflections such as these help us to place ourselves in a larger community of gay men—a community we often talk about, but whose existence we also often question.

These responses reflect a complete range of gay male experience, good and bad, heartening and discouraging, liberated and closeted. They show the diversity and the vitality of the gay population, and they are wonderful reading.

"I am coldly furious about having to cover up my gayness. Making it tolerable for gay persons and their nongay friends to live openly is a very vexing problem."

"I told my mother on Mother's Day. She said it was the best Mother's present she ever had. This was because I could never talk to her before that because of my secret. We are very good friends now."

"I'll be happy to recount why I'm gay, when straights are put to the same test. When they trace their childhood influences to find out how they turned into breeders. Maybe Geraldo Rivera can do a special on the 'struggle for sexual identity' by straights. He can have Warren Beatty on to tell why he flaunts being a heterosexual."

"What is it like to be 'anally penetrated by a penis?' How would you describe Heaven? How would you describe a rose to a blind person, or the Mahler Second Symphony to a deaf person?"

"I think being gay has made me a better teacher because I have strong empathy for anyone who is the least bit out of the 'normal' flow. I like to make them feel someone cares, and I think the caring is real, because they mirror me."

The Spada Report is a picture of the gay male world at the end of the 1970's. It is not only fascinating reading; it is also a mirror that shows the reader to himself.

Booknotes

Barbara Grier of the Naiad Press has announced the beginning of preparation of a new, third edition of the classic reference book, **The Lesbian In Literature.** The new edition will contain about 7,000 entries, about twice as many as the second edition of 1975, and will also contain many other features such as guides to help readers obtain the books listed.

To help in preparing the bibliography, she is looking for two women to volunteer as part-time researchers. The requirements are minimal: a love for lesbian literature, basic typing skills, and familiarity with libraries. Grier will provide direction.

Interested women should write to her at the Naiad Press, 7800 Westside Drive, Weatherby Lake, MO 64152, or call her at (816) 741-2283 (evenings).

Naiad Press has also announced new editions of two of their most popular titles, both priced at $5 plus 15% postage and handling. **A Woman Appeared To Me** by Renee Vivien, translated from the French by Jeannette Foster, is Vivien's autobiographical account of her affair with Natalie Clifford Barney. **The Latecomer** by Sarah Aldridge is a lesbian love story.

An Evening With Pat Bond at State N.O.W. Conference

Reviewed by Carole Nutt

Pat Bond presented her one-woman show "An Evening With Pat Bond" in San Francisco on May 27, 1979, during the state conference of The National Organization for Women.

A monologue by Pat Bond is definitely not like one by anyone else. Pat first captivated us in the film **Word is Out** as the sacrilegiously funny ex-WAC; in person, she recreates an even more vivid history of growing up gay in the early and middle 1940's. She told stories of her grandmother who fed her French fries and root beer for breakfast and whose three cardinal rules were: 1. Do not go near the church, 2. Do not go near the cemetery, 3. Do not patch up Blackie. (Blackie was their male dog, and Pat had previously tried to "repair" his lower parts!)

I nearly came unglued when Pat launched into her wild description of the plush Oriental Theater in Chicago's famed Loop. Having grown up in Chicago, how well I remembered the red velvet, gold faucets, and the automatic perfume dispensers that went "poof! poof!" in the restrooms.

Pat told of first crushes, of reading Radcliffe Hall's book **The Well of Loneliness** and feeling that she could "hardly wait to be doomed!" In college, she got into considerable trouble sending roses to a nun, her French teacher, and charging them on her mother's account.

Then it was off to join the WAC's with their ridiculous mental exam which consisted of one question: "Do you prefer the company of men or women?" (All the women said: "**Men**, of course. What is a woman?!") Pat recounted some humorous army times, up until the "witchhunts" began.

Then her tone changed, as she told of the 500 WAC's sent back to the U.S. from Japan in 1947 for dishonorable discharges, solely on the suspicion that they **might** be gay. She told of 20-year old Helen, who committed suicide by jumping from a six-story window when the army threatened to tell her parents she was a Lesbian, and the gall the Army had to give her a military funeral afterwards.

Imperceptibly, Pat directed the humor to lighter anecdotes—her friends' theory that HOMO milk causes homosexuality, tales of exaggerated butch and femme roles, and the bizarre bar scenes of the 40's and 50's.

The balance between light and heavy is perfect, her husky voice, her timing and body language make you feel like you are listening to an old friend.

Pat's material is for all of us. Those older can relate to the past; those younger can learn what it was like to grow up without the support we now have. Her identity with the entire gay community was positive. Pat is an ethnic comedienne for the gay community and a real treat.

After Pat's performance at the California National Organization for Women State Conference in San Francisco, Shireen Miles was able to obtain a special interview for MGW.

MGW: Pat, why are you doing this?

PAT: So 54-year old women will know that their dreams aren't over. Four years ago I was a $3 an hour PBX operator. I'd wanted to be a comedienne all my life, and after **Word is Out**, I decided the time was now or never to try to make a go of it.

MGW: Are you supporting yourself now with your comedy?

PAT: Yes, finally.

MGW: Where do you perform?

PAT: Wherever! Next week I'll be in Baltimore; after that in Dallas, performing for the Gay Caucus of the American Library Association. I'm going to do a PBS pilot soon, playing Gertrude Stein. You wouldn't believe the memorizing I have to do for that, 60 pages. I do just a page at a time.

MGW: Do you have an agent?

PAT: No, most people just come to me. I had an agent, but now I've just decided to handle it myself.

MGW: How in the world did you get into the movie **Word is Out**?

PAT: Well, I've known Nancy Adair, one of the filmmakers, for years when she was hanging around this bar, still lamenting that she was a "virgin dyke." I remember her watching the women, and commenting: "If they make love like they shoot pool, fuck it!"

MGW: You described yourself in your performance as an educator. Are you actually involved in teaching?

PAT: Yes, in the sense that I help people to see what it was like to grow up gay twenty, thirty years ago.

MGW: You talked about the "Little Orphan Annie Secret Society" that gay people used to have. Do you miss that intrigue in all of today's openness?

PAT: Sure! Those were great times in some ways. We were really tight. But we also had some terrible casualties, the suicides, the alcoholism. I was walking down the street with a friend once and she clutched my arm in panic, and said, "Please don't let me end up in some gutter!" We were really stuck in a ghetto like any other minority group. Things are really much better now, much more open; kids don't have the hang-ups we did. That's positive. Still, I think that if we ever totally get our freedom, I'll become a jewel thief.

MGW: During all the problems you had as a WAC, how did you keep your self-respect, or did they make you feel like some kind of freak?

PAT: We believed it. Hey, we were just babies, kid. We believed them.

MGW: How would someone get in touch with you for a booking, and what do you charge?

PAT: $500 plus expenses. People can contact me at my home in San Rafael, at 211 Canal, Apt. 2, or call me at (415) 456-9918.

MGW: Thanks a lot, Pat. We love you!

A Different Witch Hunt— A Different Result

Those of us who crowded around Pat Bond to meet her and thank her at the end of her performance got to hear the very special story of another former servicewoman.

Apparently, this woman had been a non-commissioned officer in the European theater just after World War II. She told Pat how she had been approached by her commanding officer with the specific request that she help "ferret out" the Lesbians in the company.

"Yes, sir," she said. "I'll be glad to, sir. However, sir, I must inform you now, sir, that my name will be at the top of the list."

Suddenly, a second voice, that of the company's secretary, joined in: "And I, sir, will be glad to help. However, sir, the Sergeant here should be aware that she will have to fight me for first place on the list."

According to this anonymous storyteller, this particular witch hunt was ended as quickly as it began.

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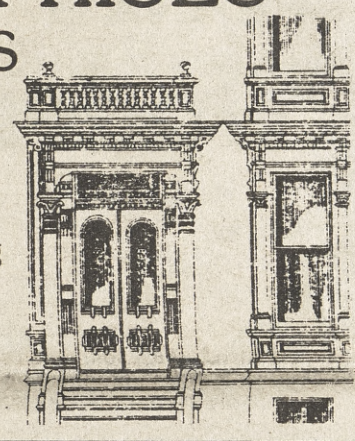

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The Greening of Gay America

by Rick Cartiere

"No wonder they won. Those people (gays) have got money"—John Briggs on the night of the defeat of Proposition 6.

Castro has become a legend: a mecca for gays throughout the world. In many ways it has become a place for refugees: those who fled their homes, some leaving parents and sometimes children behind, the hypocrisy too great.

"We came to a little Irish slum that was falling apart and turned it into a gay shopping-mall," Harvey Milk once said. It had everything: shoe-repair shops, grocery stores, hardware stores, a camera shop, a pet shop, art supplies, knick-knacks, boutiques, and laundromats. you can have your party hosted by gays, held in a gay-owned building, entertained by gay musicians, and cleaned by gay janitors afterward. you can have a gay worker fix your sink, repair your back porch, make travel arrangements for your trip home to mother, and even help you move into that new condo you've finally been able to buy.

Harvey Milk founded the Castro Street Merchants Association several years ago with the sole purpose of giving gays a voice in the community. It has since become the origin of the political clout that San Francisco gays now have.

Sacramento's new business association, the River City Business Association, can follow the same path by helping provide Sacramento gays with many of the same advantages other gay communities now have. "Economic unity among minorities has been the strongest force in the Civil Rights movement since it began just a few years ago," says Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles.

A gay business association can promote business and trade among gay people, giving them mutual support. It can sponsor affairs such as a street fair. Most importantly, since money tends to speak quite well, it can serve as a voice for the gay community. It is a force that can financially support suitable candidates for public office. The possibilities and potential of such an organization are boundless.

The Business Association of Watts was credited with bringing the area quickly back to life following the riots that devastated the community in the 'sixties. Without its growth, aid, and direction, the area would have decayed and become even worse than before.

Across America gay communities are greening and becoming self-supporting and socially contributive segments of society.

The revitalization of downtown Sacramento may provide an opportunity for gays here to work for the establishment of gay meeting grounds such as coffee-houses and restaurants as well as small gay businesses. The downtown area is presently perfect for this kind of development. Civic leaders would welcome this kind of growth. Mayor Isenberg recently said, "The attitude downtown is suddenly healthier. It's more interesting to be down there."

Gay economic growth under the direction of the R.C.B.A. could bring Sacramento gays together into a cohesive and strong community.

COPING

by Edgar Poma

Q. I am in the process of getting a personalized license place which will read an abbreviated phrase of gay humor. Will the law allow it and what channels would I have to go through if I wanted to appeal? — **J.M.**

A. In this case, the decision is up to the Department of Motor Vehicles, the agency in charge of "personalized license plates" and issuing license i.d. their usual policy is to screen requested words, numbers, and combinations, and weed out anything inappropriate. If your "message" is blatant, risque, or offensive, forget your idea and your appeal and go back to the drawing board.

Q. The neighbor's dog howls throughout the night and keeps my roommate and me up. Is there anything we can do about this nuisance? Of course, we'd like to avoid the time-consuming court routine — we just want some peace! — Carol

A. Give the Animal Control Center a call at 449-5623 and tell them your problem. They will deal with the dog and the dog's owner from there.

Q. It embarrasses me somewhat to buy gay porno, but I find it convenient for accentuating fantasies in times I have no other choice but to beat-off. Since I live in a small town in the Delta region and don't go to Sacramento often, can I get porno through the mails? Also, what is the chance of me being on a particular mail order firm's mailing list and the names of the list being exposed to the government or the police? I guess I'm paranoid. — Bob

A. There are many legitimate mail order adult merchandise operations that you have the right to deal with, and they are usually very much in tune with postal regulations and so forth — yes, you can receive "porno" through the mails if you wish, and it is generally safe to do so only if you are 21 or over (sometimes at least 19 or over) and if the material is for **your own use.** It is most likely that you will be put on the mail order organization's mailing list, unless you request otherwise, and generally it is policy to keep the list confidential. In most circumstances, mail order operations cannot be forced to disclose the list to a local, state, or federal organization.

Q. I am under age 18 and sometimes check out books on being gay and gay sociology from the public library. I know that if my parents ever found out, they would have a shit fit, but they would not be angry at me as much as they would be angry at the Sacramento library branch I go to. Can the library get in a lot of trouble for letting me check-out books that aren't usually checked out by minors? — **Paul**

A. No. It used to be policy for city and county libraries to exercise absolute moral judgement on the kinds of books checked out by young people, but no local library now will tell anyone what he or she can or cannot read — any book approved for library use is available to anyone. If your parents question the kinds of books you are reading, it is their responsibility to advise you, not the library's.

RCBA Installation Dinner

River City Business Association, Sacramento's gay business group, is having a installation of officers dinner on July 30, Monday evening, 7 p.m., at the Cafe de New Orleans. Tickets are $12 for anyone that would like to attend. Tickets must be purchased by July 23 from RCBA, Box 160696, Sacramento, Ca. 95816.

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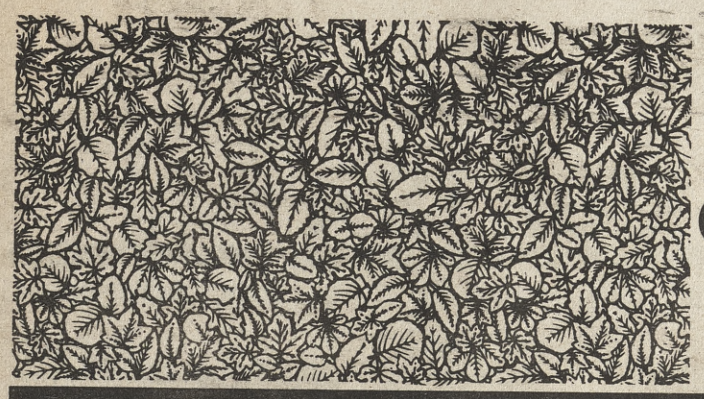

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Plant Pests

by Marcia Erickson

The most high-class and uppity plants in the world get—bugs! No matter how careful you are in protecting your prized whatzit, it will be attacked.

Insects, or bugs, whichever you prefer, arrive through the air, water, and soil. Most often the little darlings arrive on the new plant that you are so proud of . . . a regular "Typhoid Mary." Keep the new plant away from your regular brood until you are sure it is pest-free. Better still, examine the plant before you purchase it . . . give it the once over, to make sure it doesn't have unwanted guests.

Once home, bathe the new arrival in lukewarm water; a mild liquid soap is excellent. Be sure to rinse the plant thoroughly. In fact, it is good to bathe all of your plants often—at least once a month. The plants enjoy it and bathing removes unwanted dirt, grease, and pests.

There are countless plants pests; the following are three of the most common troublemakers:

MEALYBUG is white and furry-looking and it gathers in white, furry-looking clusters on your plant; it is also very sticky. The cure? If you detect the mealybugs in the early stages, a Q-tip dipped in rubbing alcohol is excellent; just swab the plants where the little guys live. The next day, after the swabbing, give the plant a thorough rinsing. On larger plants you can mix a 50/50 solution of alcohol and water and spray the plant. There are a number of commercial insect sprays used specifically for this pest.

RED SPIDER (MITE) is one of the most difficult pests to cure. They hide on the underside of leaves and they are so tiny a magnifying glass may be needed—unless, that is, you have the eyes of an eagle.

If your plant's leaves are starting to fall off, look yellow, or have a slight silver cast, this charming fellow is at work. Turn the leaf over: you will be able to see fine spider webbing and tiny little red spots moving about—these are the mites. Soap and water is effective; in fact the above-mentioned bathings are an excellent deterrent. A commercial miticide spray can also be used—be sure to read the labels. Be prepared, however, for a burial if these measures fail. Spider mites are deadly.

SCALE is another difficult pest to eradicate. It is encased in a little, hard, brown shell resembling a tiny armadillo. This pest is found most often on ferns. You can try a weak solution of malathion (a commercial insect spray), but be careful what you spray on ferns. Many insecticides can do more harm to ferns than the pest itself.

Always separate "sick" plants from your other healthy ones. If the plant is heavily infected, or if you cure it one time and the pests are always returning—say a little prayer over the plant and throw it in the garbage. Lots of luck!

DID YOU KNOW that a RHIZOME is a thickened underground stem that spreads by creeping? Rhizomes may be long and slender, as in lawn grasses, or thick and fleshy, as in iris.

"Okay, so you bought the violets after Alice left you for Kate, and you bought the asparagus ferns after you broke up with Ginnie, and you got the hydrangea after Linda went into the convent, and you purchased the coleus when Fran left you for that young graduate from Sarah Lawrence, but that still leaves the philodendrons: I want the dirt on the philodendrons."

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FFOG LIGHTS◄

by Joseph R. Hobson

The Sacramento organization known as Families and Friends of Gays (FFOG) invites your comment and input so that we can address your particular interests in this monthly column.

FFOG was first discussed by interested organizers in December, 1978, and held its first meeting in January. It has met twice monthly since that time. It is loosely organized in order to avoid the tiresome business of formal meetings, by-laws and other non-profit activities.

The majority of its present members do not want FFOG to become part of a power structure to serve the ambitions of anyone. For that reason no one is authorized to speak for the group. FFOG, as an entity, is a non-activist politically although individual members are in favor of the goals of the gay liberation movement. Indeed, the credentials of some of the members, in that respect, are impeccable. For others of us, gay-lib is a whole new world.

The purpose of FFOG is to provide a support structure for gays, their families and their friends in their efforts to attain mututal understanding and acceptance. In order to achieve that purpose, we must educate ourselves and each other about ourselves. Man's acknowledged fear of the unknown is not diminished by the fact that a large part of the unknown is within himself.

The subject at most of our meetings has been, not surprisingly, that area most fraught with emotional overlay—"coming out". By the phrase "coming out" I refer not only to the announcement itself but to the whole process of growing self-awareness and self-acceptance. That process could and should be joyful and liberating, but it is usually tortuous, anxious, and painful. Why? Because we are all part of the homophobic culture that refuses to sanction homosexuality as a natural state.

Most of us did not realize that friends and relatives of gays had to go through a similar consciousness raising process that was going on at the same time as the parallel to the "coming out" experience. I suspect that gays are much more tolerant of the lack of understanding and the great length of time it takes to arrive at that point of acceptance than are their parents and friends.

Looking back on my personal experience, I now realize that I felt suspicious and angry about homosexuality as it pertained to my friends and relatives. I felt threatened and I mourned the fact that something had "gone wrong." There were a lot of recriminations flying around.

The last six months have been a revelation to me. I had thought that by January I had completely accommodated myself to the situation and had, long since, rid myself of all homophobic thinking. Not so! But I have learned a lot. I am still learning. I am satisfied that I am making progress to the extent that I no longer have to say to myself, "Why did you say that?" or, "Why did you think that?" Now I can usually say, "Why did you **begin** to think that?"

The main ground rule for this column is that we will not mention names of gays without prior permission unless the person is a public figure and self-acknowledged as gay.

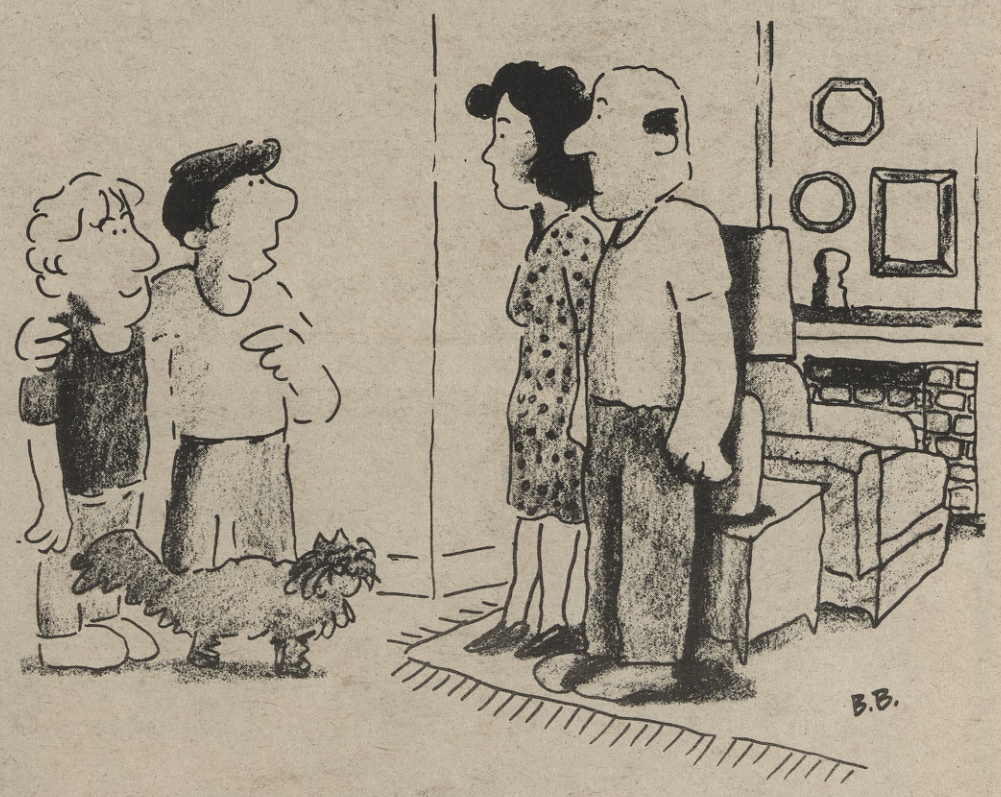
A basic premise will be that "gay is given" and we won't be talking about "cures". I happen to believe that homosexuality is not of the dimension of things that are capable of being "cured". Something did not "go wrong"; it went "right" and normal and it is OK.

I have come to feel that perhaps there is no such thing as one hundred percent heterosexuality or homosexuality. Just as no two fingerprints or snowflakes are exactly alike, no two human sexual orientations are exactly alike. Nature has created this diversity for some reason. We can share our differences and our similarities with each other in wonderment and with understanding. Most of all we can share our love.

FFOG meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 3945 Folsom Boulevard. *Call 455-2100 for information. Please come and share with us. We need you.*

FFOG to Elect Officers

Families and Friends of Gays will hold their July meeting for election of officers at the St. Francis School cafeteria, 25th and K St., Wednesday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m. There will be a rap session following the general meeting. For further information call Ellen Cress, 485-0982 or 442-0576.



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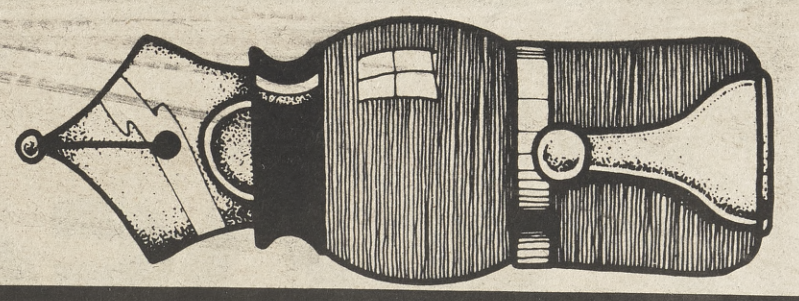


Dear Editor:

Thank you for your DAD . . . GUESS WHAT . . . ! issue. Speaking from a dad's point of view, I say it was very nice and very thoughtful of you, and I must add very bright. Your paper just keeps getting bigger and better and I'm very happy about that. I truly love the paper and I appreciate all the hard work you're doing. Thank you very much.

For years I've been reading and enjoying Erma Bombeck's articles in the papers. And in your June issue I read Erma's match—Annie Overby's very witty "I'm Not Poor, I Just Don't Have Any Money." Erma, eat your heart out—you've been replaced. Thank you, Annie; you made my day and I'm looking forward to reading more from you. As poor as I am, you made me a little richer. Thank you; please write more.

Well, about the Gay Parade—what can I say, except thanks to the news media for their nice coverage. And the people who marched in the parade deserve a big hand. So does the Rally.

I hope to see you all at the Fourth of July picnic at Helvetia Park. It's great that we can work together and play together.

Frank Holt,
The Underpass

Editor:

This letter is to let you know how much I enjoy **MOM . . . GUESS WHAT . . . !** I have read numerous gay newspapers over the years, and feel MGW is tops. I find it both informative and entertaining. I really appreciate not having to view sexual ads. I realize such ads can be an important source of income for a gay newspaper, but I get enough of them in the **Advocate, B.A.R.,** and the other gay papers. Since most straights think gays are only interested in sex, when they come across a gay paper which contains sexual ads this reinforces their beliefs. MGW is a newspaper I feel I could show my mom and not be embarrassed or defensive about. Please keep up the good work you are doing. Your newspaper is a credit to the gay community.

Thanks,
C. Brown

Message from Mayor Isenberg

Please accept my best wishes for your parade and very special week.

I have always believed that the best cities are those with a mix of peoples, beliefs and lifestyles.

I also feel that if this country's constitution is to be believed and respected, **all** Americans must respect the individual's right to live his own life and her own life, in a manner that is answerable to no one so long as it does not tread on **another's** rights.

I am sorry that a longtime private commitment prevents my making these comments in person. But I hope you'll accept them in the spirit of humanity in which I intend them.

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your letter inviting me to attend the Gay Pride Rally on Sunday, June 17th. Being that this is Father's Day, I have previously made plans to attend church and spend the afternoon with my family, however, if at all possible I will attempt to attend the rally in the late afternoon.

May I compliment the staff of MOM . . . GUESS WHAT . . . ! on the fine article that appeared recently in the **Sacramento Union,** and if I can be of assistance in the future, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,
Toby Johnson, Supervisor
Fifth District

Dear Editor:

I would like to urge the gay community to stop giving their support to Nicole's Restaurant because of the hostile attitude reflected in their refusal to allow MOM . . . GUESS WHAT . . . ! to continue being available there. That kind of behavior from a restaurant that is supported by a large number of gays is unacceptable not only from a financial standpoint but from a political standpoint as well. That kind of behavior also needs the kind of consequences it deserves . . . the end of gay money going to that business.

—Jan Rudolf

Dear Editor:

Although I reside in San Francisco at the present I stay in close contact with the Sacramento gay people as often as possible as it was my home for nine years.

During those nine years I observed and took place in as many gay activities as possible and the creation of **MOM . . . GUESS WHAT . . . !** is one of the most inspiring gay projects I have watched come about in the Capitol City.

Love,
Conan

Editor:

I'm so grateful for MOM-DAD . . .GUESS WHAT . . . ! You're doing something really wonderful. God bless you and all your people.

Sincerely,
Jerry Frink

Dear Editor:

In your last issue, you wrote, "Gay liberation is a challenge to patriotic Americans to live up to their image. It challenges them to do more than pay lip service to their values." Gay Liberation is a challenge to eliminate the double-standard!

This double-standard allows gay bars to exist but does not condone same-sex dancing; we hear of public intimidation, vandalism, and muggings by fag-bashers in parking lots and city streets. The double-standard allows adult bookstores to conduct business but does not condone cursing and assignations; and so we hear of victimless crimes as a result of entrapment usually perpetrated by the keeper of the public morals.

We hear of less-than-honorable discharges from the military for loving another man, but honors are given for killing men. More than half our property taxes are funneled into a less-than-satisfactory educational system in which we have no voice, yet we are expected to hire the products of that educational system.

As President of the River City Business Association, I hope that we can address ourselves to these and other points. The Preamble to our By-Laws states: "We join together in an association for mutual aid, communication and working together to promote business, expand community awareness and to establish relationships with other business and professional people and associations."

There are two classes of membership, "Any business, business owner or manager, self-employed person, professional, or commercial property owner operating within the greater Sacramento area is eligible for general membership in the Association." Annual Dues are $35.00.

"Any other person who has an interest in the programs and goals of the Association is eligible for Associate Membership." Annual Dues are$15.00.

Similar organizations exist in Philadelphia, Houston, NYC, Chicago and the parent Association is the GGBA in SF. Ultimately, there will be a national network linking all the Associations together.

We are diverse, prosperous and we are survivors. We intend to be visible, vocal, and we are here to stay.

Norv Giles, President
River City Business Association

Dear Editor:

Le Theatre Lesbien hereby serves notice to any future coordinators of political rallies that we will not be available for performance.

I am tired of lesbian theatre being treated as some kind of trivial theatrical entertainment, to be placed at the end of the program, always after we have heard from the heavy right-on speakers. The organizer of the Gay Pride Rally, Kevin Casey, was so organized as to arrange a stream of speakers who managed to bore the crowd for two hours. An audience cannot remain attentive to hear political rhetoric and jargon for more than thirty minutes, except maybe the California Legislature who are paid to be bored.

It is a shame that organizers have not realized the unique and valuable contribution lesbian theatre lends to politics. We do not speak politics, and satirize the absurdities of politics, not with rhetoric but with comedy which is far more palatable to the masses.

To those organizers who will one day be looking for someone to entertain you at a rally, the sign on Le Theatre Lesbian reads: "No Entry. Do Not Disturb!"

Cherie Gordon
Le Theatre Lesbien
producer

Message from Councilman Roberts

To me, Gay Pride is simply Human Pride—Just as I believe that gay rights is merely a part of the overall cause we call human rights.

I am pleased to have been asked to make these remarks. I feel it is important for me to stress that I am a firm believer in what I call the "Mainstream Concept". By this I mean *that the best of all worlds for me would be* one in which the human being is respected for his or her beliefs, life style and personal code.

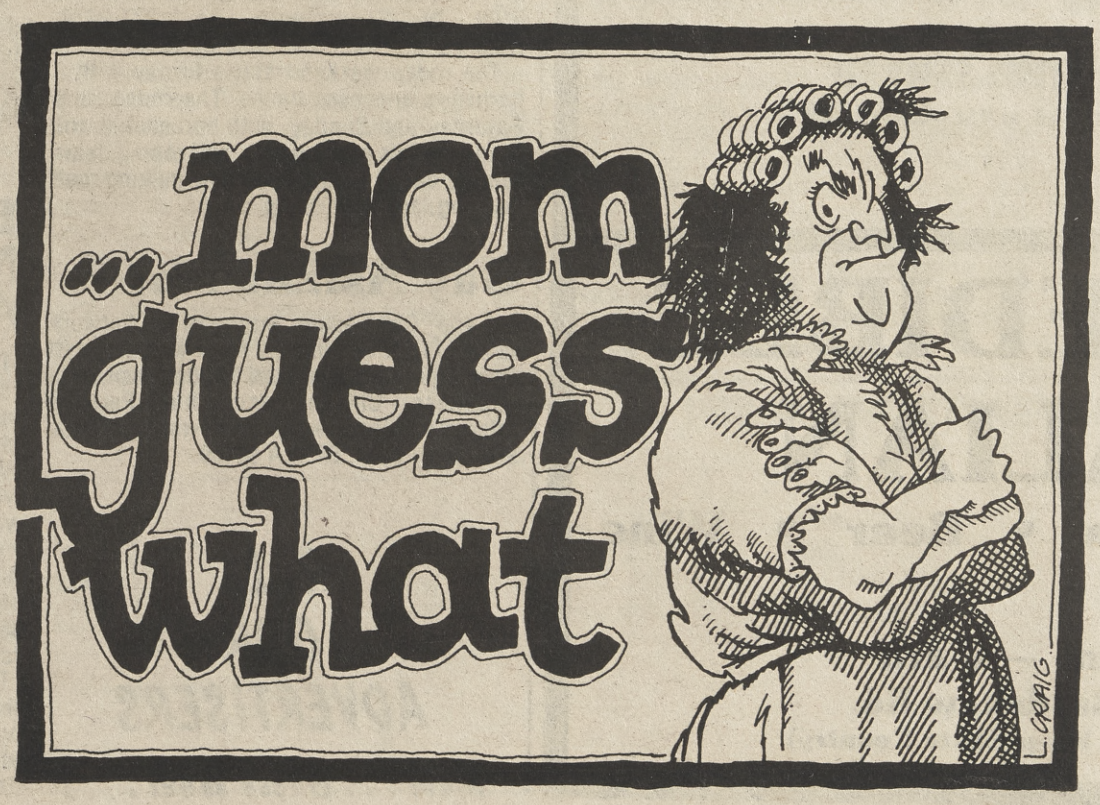
I extend to you my warmest wishes for a meaningful parade and week. And I hope that some day we will all celebrate human rights and human pride together.

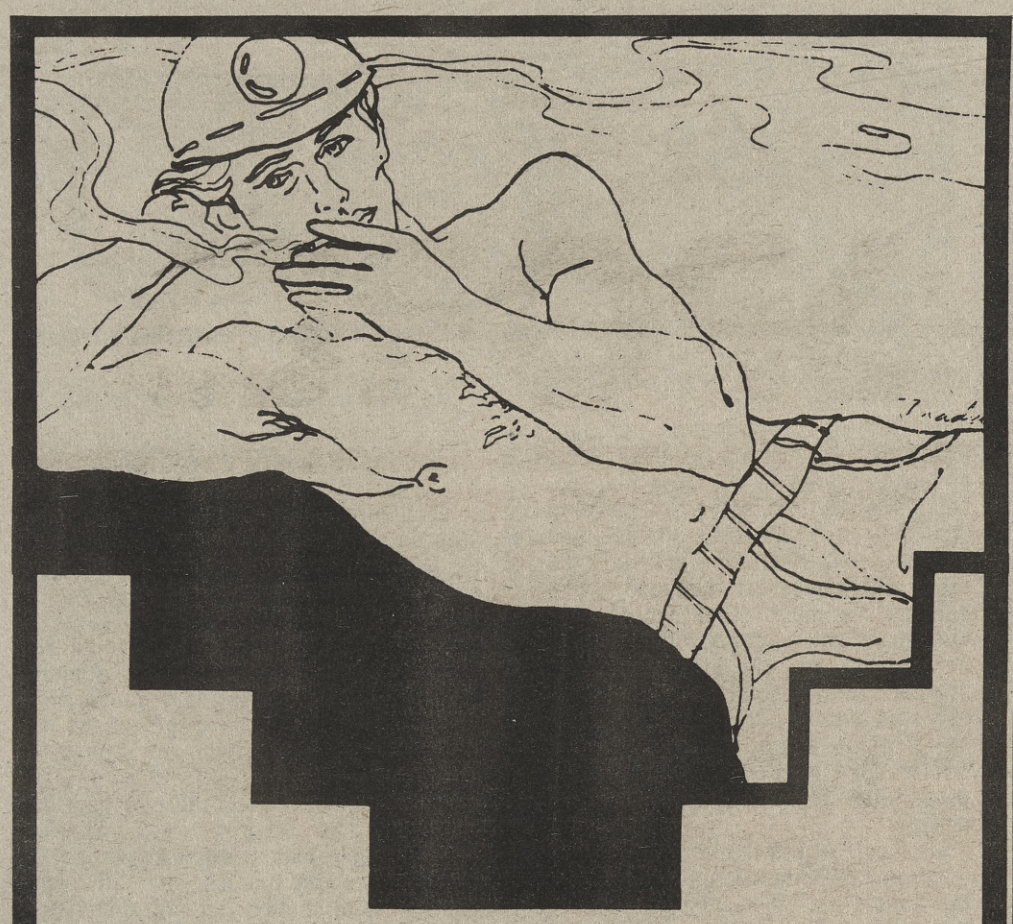
Councilman John Roberts

Dear Editor:

Thanks for sharing with us the two issues of MOM . . . GUESS WHAT . . . ! As an ex-Californian I salute your new voice.

With all best wishes,
Wayne Dynes,
Editor, GAY BOOKS BULLETIN





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Classes, which last three weeks, are held at 2115 J St. Among the occupations women may choose from are barbering, bricklaying, carpentry and plumbing. For more information call 488-2925.

Court Announces Variety Show to Benefit CHRA

"Entertainathon '79", a variety show sponsored by the Great Northwest Imperial Empire to benefit California Human Rights Advocates, will take place from 6 p.m. until 2 a.m. on Saturday, August 11, at Joseph's, 7604 Fair Oaks Boulevard. Tickets are $5 per person.

Judy McGehee, First Lady-In-Waiting to Empress V Tina and director of the event, has announced that the show will include at least 20 performers, both amateur and professional, who are donating their talents for the occasion. Additional talent is still being sought; interested persons should contact Judy at 2782 Fairfield Street, Number A, Sacramento 95815, or call 920-2148.

Court Events Announced

The Great Northern Imperial Empire announces an evening of loving put downs and catty remarks at Cary Christian's Camp Awards, July 7 at 7 p.m. at the Riverbend Country Club.

Empress VI Tina said people will be nominated for crazy awards for things they may have done or are notorious for. The gay community may nominate individuals for awards, using nomination sheets distributed to Sacramento area bars.

The Valley Knights Motorcycle Club will be roasted by Tina and Emperor V Bob on July 22 in a special dinner event. Proceeds will go to the George Sand Community Benefit Fund.

GNIE is encouraging the community to support the Reno Gay Rodeo sponsored by the Silver Dollar Court of Reno on August 3, 4, and 5. The rodeo, the largest held yet, will include bronco riding and hog tieing. All may enter any of the events by signing up at the rodeo site in Reno.

Bus Trip to Gay Rodeo Set

On Saturday, August 4, Lady Garnet Presents will sponsor a bus trip to Reno's Gay Rodeo. The bus will leave the Hide and Seek parking lot at 8 a.m. and return at 8:30 p.m. Passengers will have six hours to enjoy the carnival, rodeo, and many fun activities in Reno.

The fare is $16 per person round trip, including refreshments on the bus (potato chips, beer, softdrinks) and entrance to the rodeo.

Reservations can be made through the bartenders at the Hide and Seek, 825 Sunset, Bryte, or contact Lady Garnet, 4601 Lake Rd. #109, W. Sacramento, Ca., 371-2474. Reservations must be made by July 25.

The rodeo weekend starts Friday with a barbeque and barn dance. The rodeo runs Saturday and Sunday, with bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, team roping, barrel racing, wild cow milking, bull dogging, and bull riding.

Gay Asians Note

The Gay Asian Information Network (GAIN) is translating the book **With Downcast Gays: Aspects of Homosexual Self-Oppression** into Japanese, Chinese and Thai. Persons interested please write to: Edward Sebesta, 990 Geary #311, SF, CA 94109.

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'Snow White' Champagne Ball

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If your address has changed, or if you have friends that would like to be invited, or if you are not on the list, please mail us your addresses today. Mail to: Linda D. Birner, Box 161929, Sacramento, Ca. 95816.

Reddings' Gay Bar Closes

by E.B. Hinkle

Bogey's, Redding's only gay bar, serving the gay community from Chico to Eureka, has been closed down. Owner Mike O'Shea was arrested the last week in May on charges of fraud and embezzlement. O'Shea borrowed $1500 from Jarrett Willett, the father of one of the bartenders. The bar was up as collateral for the loan. After documents were signed and turned over to Willett, O'Shea and his partners Harry Taylor and Carol Lee Hacker disappeared.

With the disappearance of O'Shea and his partners, Willett became legal owner and has turned his case over to his attorney. Going through the papers turned over to him, Willett discovered that O'Shea had defrauded the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) by purchasing the beer and wine license in Taylor's name, when Taylor had no financial holdings. ABC has since revoked the license.

He also discovered that O'Shea had not paid any taxes, sales or payroll, for the six months he owned the bar. He had apparently used his accounting skills to juggle the books to show the bar was operating at a loss. To further complicate matters, former owners have filed liens against the bar's assets. Willett will turn over the ownership to whoever pays back the $1500. ABC has stated that it will issue a new license to new owners if they meet ABC standards.

Bogey's opened to the gay community in December 1977. When he sold it one year later to O'Shea, the former owner stipulated that the bar should continue to serve the gay community. Several in Redding's gay community have expressed an interest in taking over Bogey's or opening a new bar.

Feminist Art Series Available

Polymnia, a company formed to promote women's art through high-quality reproductions, has announced its first series of prints, "Feminist Introspections" by Terri Giacomozzi.

The series comprises six original oil paintings in full-color lithographic reproductions on canvas-textured stock. In this limited edition, each print will be signed by the artist.

Terri Giacomozzi, who lives in Maine, is a self-styled surrealist who creates an emotional response to the living conditions of today's woman. Her work reflects, in bold, sweeping strokes and brilliant color, the pains, fears, and triumphant surges of women in our society.

Polymnia plans other series of prints of women artists' works, providing a service both to the artists, by giving them an outlet for their work, and to women in general, by offering them the opportunity to purchase beautiful, woman-oriented works of art at reasonable cost.

A color brochure, illustrating "Feminist Introspections," describing Polymina, and stating prices for the prints, is available from Polymnia, P.O. Box 2612, South Portland, Maine 04106.

Enter Now! Nor Cal Women's Art Festival

The Northern California Women's Art stival will take place at the Sonoma unty Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa on turday and Sunday, August 18 and 19.

Women artists working in all media are vited to enter their works in the show. Cash wards for this year's festival total $500. The ry is composed of two members of the alifornia Women's Art Guild and Karen eterson, co-author of **Women Artists 1550-950** and co-producer of the Women Artists istory Slide Show.

To enter, artists will need to send slides of eir work with their applications. For pplications and more information, write alifornia Women's Art Guild, P.O. Box 496, orestville, CA 95436.

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Sports Benefit Auction Planned

The 1979 Sacramento Sports Auction is planned for July 15th, 7:30 p.m. at The Hut, 2400 West Capitol Avenue. Everyone is welcome to take advantage of the good buys, while providing funds for softball, volleyball and basketball activities. If you wish to donate items, services, or money, please call 447-2488 or 362-0122. For additional information call 442-3723.

Iceskating: Summertime Sport

by Doug Allan

Now that summer is here with its hot temperatures, most of us are trying to keep cool and still have fun. If you are one of those people craving for a way to get exercise without the problem s of the heat, try ice skating. There are three ice rinks in town offering a variety of public sessions, discount sessions, lessons, and locations.

The largest of the three rinks is the Ice House Skating Palace located at Bradshaw Road and Highway 50. Night sessions are limited to Thursday through Saturday with afternoon sessions daily. There is a discount session with half-price coupons available on Tuesday afternoons. The rink also offers lessons at all levels at different times during the day. For more details on hours and rates, call 363-9476, or for lessons, 363-6574.

If you long for the convenience of a shopping center and a view, try the Ice Arena at Birdcage Walk. The rink is on the south side of the mall across from Macy's and boasts a good view of the mall along with a very pleasant atmosphere. Public sessions are afternoons and evenings daily with a special group night on Tuesdays and discount sessions on Thursdays. For exact session times and rates, call 966-2874, and for information on lessons, 966-2875.

The third rink is Iceland on Del Paso Boulevard. It is currently closed for remodeling with an expected date for reopening set for August 15. For more information, call 925-3121.

If you have never skated, you should try it. It's good exercise and good fun. If you are one of those people with "weak ankles," it's all in the way you lace your skates. Ask one of the pros at the rink to show you how to lace your skates properly and you'll last for hours. Better yet, take a few lessons. Lessons are on a ten or twelve week basis for $40 and $48 respectively. That comes to $4 per 45 minute lesson and includes one free pass per lesson. You'll be surprised how easy it really is and how fast you'll learn.

The rinks are always available for hourly and nightly rental to groups and individuals. We are interested in getting a show of interest for an ongoing Gay Ice Night for Sacramento. Anyone interested in expressing a preference for night, location, and frequency are urged to call Doug at 484-1264, or Bill at 453-0823. Please do not call the rinks; they do this on a contract basis and have no information regarding this.

All profits received will be donated to gay organizations and causes in the Sacramento area. So come on out to cool down and support your gay community!

Sailing on Folsom Lake

by Carole Nutt

Folsom Lake offers something besides the usual swimming and sunbathing, even if you don't have your own sailboat. Brown's Ravine Marina rents three different small boats: The Omega, has two sails, a main and a jib, and carries four persons; the Mayflower, with a single boom sail, carries four; and the Sunflower, a single-sail, two-person boat. Rental is for the whole day (10 hours) or for half day (5 hours).

COSTS: The Omega: whole day $25; half day $16. The Mayflower: whole day $22; half day $13. The Sunflower: whole day $20; half day $10.

A $20 refundable deposit is required. No checks are accepted, but the Marina honors the standard charge cards. Boats can be reserved by going to the Marina in person a day or more ahead and paying the rental in advance. No telephone reservations are accepted. Other than going in ahead of time, rental is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Rental hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. Marina hours are from 7 a.m. to 9 or 10 p.m. The State Park hours are 6 a.m. to midnight, and there is day-use entry fee of $1.50 per vehicle.

If you would like to try sailing, this is an excellent way for a group to have an inexpensive, fun-filled day. It can be combined with a picnic, as there is a large picnic area at Brown's Ravine.

On a day with light winds, sailing can be a quiet sport, and very relaxing; on days with a bit more wind, it becomes exciting. Either way, sailing is very safe, as the boats are virtually unsinkable.

Sailing has been one of my favorite summertime activities for the last four years. What I like most is the quiet—no engine roar; and you can have the peace that is so badly needed in this era of noise pollution. I also like the opportunity you have in sailing to develop a skill as you learn to maneuver the boat by using the wind to your advantage.

The next time you hear the weather forecast is hot with light winds, try something different. Try sailing.

Tennis Anyone?

Tennis season is here; is there any interest in forming a tournament or just to exercise the body? If so, call 362-0122. Also, if anyone is interested in learning the sport, give a call to the above number; teachers are available.

ON TOUR WITH VERMONT BICYCLE TOURING (Photo credit: Vermont Bicycle Touring—John Freidin.)

Bicycle by Day, Country Inns by Night

Record numbers of Americans are discovering a fresh way to satisfy their *yearnings for adventure and physical* fitness—holidays on bicycles. Even while the spiraling cost of vacations is pushing them beyond the reach of many persons, bicycle touring can be done at a price anyone can afford. And gasoline shortages pose no problem for self-powered cyclists.

In 1972, John S. Freidin started Vermont Bicycle Touring (VBT), based on the idea that people will love cycling holidays if they know the safest and most beautiful roads, are free of mechanical worries, and always have comfortable inns to sleep at night. Since its founding, Vermont Bicycle Touring has taken 9000 people from 41 states and seven countries on its tours.

Vermont Bicycle Touring's trips range in length from a weekend to thirty days. Tours are offered for beginning, intermediate, and advanced bicyclists. Most VBT cyclists are between twenty-five and fifty-five years old—about half are single. But VBT has had riders from seven to seventy-two. VBT leaders, who are good mechanics and know Vermont well, accompany each the tours, as does a van which carries luggage and spare parts.

The days are leisurely. Each person is given a map and written directions which outline two or three rides of different lengths. *In this way everyone rides at his or her own pace. There is time to swim, rest in meadows,* browse through antique shops, visit historical sites, and sometimes play tennis.

In 1979 Vermont Bicycle Touring will offer 121 tours plus four five-day Bicycle Repair Clinics and a Bicycle Tour Planning Service which helps individuals and groups make independent tours. VBT's season began May 11th and runs through October 28th. The cost of tours covers all expenses for food and lodging. VBT rents fully-equipped ten-speeds Motobecane bicycles to persons who do not bring their own.

Freidin has also written a guide to bicycling in Vermont. Entitled **20 Bicycle Tours in Vermont** (160 pp, maps, photographs; $5.95 softbound), the book covers twenty tours ranging in length from one to three days and from 16 to 150 miles.

For a free brochure describing the Vermont **Bicycle Touring program write: Vermont** Bicycle Touring, R.D. 3R, Bristol, VT 05443. Or call VBT at (802) 388-4011.

MGW Sets July Delta Cycling Trip

MOM . . . is sponsoring a Delta bicycling trip on Sunday, July 15. We'll begin with breakfast at The Chart Room on the Sacramento River (County Road 136, Broderick) at 8 a.m., where we'll gird ourselves for the ride with the finest country breakfasts that Sacramento boasts, and then regroup in Courtland at 11 a.m. for a ride around Sutter Island.

We'll view the River Mansion from across Steamboat Slough, pick wild cherries, and enjoy the backroad pleasures of riding four abreast down roads unsullied by anything faster or raunchier than a John Deere. (The roads are roughly paved, but ambitious roller-skaters are invited to try their luck.)

We'll lunch along the way and drive down to Wimpy's New Hope Cafe or Al the Wop's for an early dinner after the ride, if spirit and flesh are willing. Total time for the Sutter Island round-trip from Sacramento, including stops, is about 4 hours.

Limited space for bicycles is available for reservation. It's approximately 16 miles from Sacramento to Courtland, part of that mileage along very busy roadway, so we'd advise regrouping in Courtland for the two-wheeled leg of the trip. Because the roadways of the Delta are appallingly flat, just about any old bicycle will do. For further information, contact Jan at 443-3119

Women's Baseball

Several women have asked us why we don't publish a calendar and map of the local womens baseball games. The reason we don't is that the management of the league have asked us not to publish the schedule in MOM . . . GUESS WHAT . . . ! If you would like the schedule printed talk to the management of the league.

1979 SACRAMENTO SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

JULY 1	Cinch	SF	NOON
JULY 8	Mint	Nino's Park, Sacto.	"
JULY 15	Fun Time Tours	Nino's Park, Sacto.	"
JULY 22	Oil Can Harry's	Nino's Park, Sacto.	"

Get the Word Out

JULY

*3—TUE GAY NIGHT AT THE RACES. Call 456-5858 for tickets. $15 includes Dinner.

3—TUES DIGNITY will sponsor a T-Bone Steak Dinner for $2.50. Bo-Jangles Restaurant & Bar, 7042 Folsom Blvd. R.S.V.P. by July 1 at 448-3777. 6 p.m.

3—TUES CARNIVAL AND FLEA MARKET. Food, Fun, Games: 4 p.m. til dusk. After hours at the Hide and Seek 2 til 5 a.m.

*4—WED "4 OF JULY PICNIC" sponsored by some of the local bars. 2 pools. Helvetia Park, 5 miles out on River Road (16). Dancing/Food/Beer. Noon till 10 pm. $5 in Adv. $8 at gate.

4—WED CARNIVAL AND FLEA MARKET. Food, Fun, Games: 2 p.m. till dusk. Free Hot Buffet 6 p.m.

7—SAT NOREEN SCULLY ARTSHOW. Fairoaks Gallery, 3418 22nd St. San Francisco Reception. 3 pm—7pm. Show will be up to July 15.

8—SUN General Meeting of DIGNITY for Gay Catholics and friends, St. Francis Chapel, 26th & K Street. All are welcome. Info at 448-3777. 3 pm.

7—SAT EMPRESS II & III CARRIE CHRISTIAN'S CAMP AWARDS River Bend Country Club.

8—SUN CONTEST FOR MR. MACHO Upstairs/Downstairs 4 to 6 pm. Lady Garnet presents sponsor.

8—SUN DISCO ROMP at the Hide and Seek 3 pm—7pm. Free Hot Buffet 7 pm.

8—SUN NOREEN SCULLY SLIDE SHOW. Tuxedo Junction. A private women's club. 3418 Geary St. San Francisco, 4-6 pm.

9—MON GAY ROLLERSKATING Kings Skate Country.

*10—TUES GAY COMMUNITY CENTER. Planning Meeting. The Way Station, 7:30.

10—TUES RIVER CITY BUSINESS ASSN. *Board Meeting, Inc. Edible 5:30 pm.*

11—WED SPEAKERS BUREAU MEETING. Incredible Edible, 7:30 pm.

*12—THUR RCBA. General Meeting, Whistlestop, 7:30 pm.

14—SAT LADY GARNET PRESENTS, Hot Turkey Buffet at the Hide and Seek, all you can eat $2.00 6:00 pm til 7:30 pm.

14—SAT HIDE AND SEEK JOCKEY SHORTS CONTEST. Cash prizes contest 7:30 winner at 9:00. Disco after hours 2 til 5 am.

15—SUN GAY BICYCLING DELTA TRIP. 8 am. See article. Jan 443-3119.

*15—SUN AUCTION for Sacramento Sports League. 7:30 pm The Hut. See article.

15—SUN CONTEST FOR MR. MACHO HUT 4 to 6 pm. Lady Garnet sponsor.

15—SUN POT-LUCK PICNIC sponsored by TUESDAY GAY RAP GROUP. Please bring your own meat for barbeque and a dish to pass. McKinley Park. 2 pm. 451-5552.

17—TUES RCBA Board Meeting. Incredible Edible. 5:30 pm.

18—WED National Organization for Women meeting. YWCA 17 & L. 443-3470. 7 pm.

18—WED FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF GAYS ELECTION. 7:30 pm at St. Francis School Cafeteria, 25th and K Streets. Rap session afterwards. Call Ellen Cress, 485-0982 or 442-0576.

22—SUN CONTEST FOR MR. MACHO FRANK'S UNDERPASS 4 to 6 pm Lady Garnet presents sponsor.

*23—MON MGW STAFF MEETING. 7:30 pm. Real Estate Place, 2115 J. St.

23—MON GAY ROLLERSKATING Kings Skate Country.

24—TUE MEN'S CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUP. Gary, 454-2176 or Gene, 456-9516. See article.

24—TUE Deadline for DIGNITY'S 10th Anniversary Convention in San Diego (over Labor Day Weekend). $50.00 covers all. Further information: 448-3777.

25—WED RAP GROUP sponsored by DIGNITY at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 13th & N Streets. Call Chuck Link at 635-5005 or 635-8236 for further into. 7-9 pm.

26—THUR Mailing Party for DIGNITY'S newsletter. Join others and meet friends. Call Ed for directions at 489-3184, or days to 2 pm at 448-3777. 7 pm.

29—SUN FINALS FOR MR. MACHO SACRAMENTO.

29—SUN DISCO ROMP AT THE HIDE AND SEEK. 3-7 pm. Free HOT Buffet served at 7 pm.

*30—MON INSTALLATION DINNER FOR RIVER CITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION. Cafe de New Orleans, 4th & L St., $12 per person. RCBA, Box 160696, Sac. 95816.

AUGUST

2—THUR ROLLER SKATING PARTY sponsored by TUESDAY GAY RAP GROUP. Meet at the Metropolitan Community Church at *34th & Broadway. 7:30 pm. 451-5552.*

3—FRI RENO GAY RODEO BARBEQUE and BARN DANCE.

4—SAT RENO GAY RODEO, Phil Ragsdale I, Director RENO FAIR GROUNDS CARNIVAL OPENS 10 am. Comstock Gay Rodeo Association, P.O. Box 2372, Reno, Nevada 89505.

4—SAT LADY GARNET PRESENTS BUS TRIP TO RENO GAY RODEO. See article.

5—SUN RENO GAY RODEO, Reno Fairgrounds. Final day 10 am til 5 pm.

5—SUN DISCO ROMP AT THE HIDE AND SEEK. 3-7 pm. Free HOT Buffet served at 7:00 pm.

*7—TUE TRADITIONAL JAZZ AT AWFUL ANNIE'S, Auburn. Jake Stock and the Abalone Stompers, featuring Jackie Coon. 7-11 pm. $3 advance, $4 at door. 160 Sacramento St., Old Town Auburn.

11—SAT VARIETY SHOW FOR CHRA. Joseph's. 6 pm. See article. $5.

*12—SUN "WE ARE FAMILY" PICNIC. 11 am til 5 pm. Old fashion picnic by CHRA. See article. East Portal Park. Bring sports equipment.

Organizations

- **RIVER CITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION** Gay Business Owners Group. 456-5858 Box 160696, Sac. 95816
- **SAC-VALLEY GAY SPEAKERS BUREAU** 1403 I St., Sac. 95814. 446-7241
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15—WED National Organization for Women meeting. YWCA, 17 & L. 443-3470. 7 pm.

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ONGOING DATES

- **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION** 4th Wed. 7 pm. City Hall
- **C.H.R.A. (Gay Lobby)** 2nd Monday 448-6666
- **N.O.W.** 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 YWCA 1
- **GAY ROLLER SKATING** Every other Monday & Thursday
- **CSUS Gay Peoples Union** Every Thursday, 7 pm. Miwok Rm. 3rd Floor, Student Union
- **TUES. GAY RAP GROUP** Every Tues. 7 pm 2741 34th St. 451-5552
- **CSUS BI-SUPPORT** Every Wed. Noon til 2 pm. 454-6817
- **GAY ALCOHOLICS ANON.** MCC 2741 34th St., Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 pm.
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- **DIGNITY/Sacramento** 2nd Sunday each month—3 pm. Mass & Meeting. St. Francis Chapel, 26th & K St. 448-3777
- **LESBIANS OVER 35** Potluck 3rd Saturday, 7 pm. 371-3496 or 756-7213 for location/info.
- **ARC GAY PEOPLES UNION** Every Thursday, 11:30 am, room 142 446-7241
- **RIVER CITY BUSINESS ASSN.** 2nd Thurs. 7:30 at the Whistle Stop Restaurant. Call for Bd. meeting date
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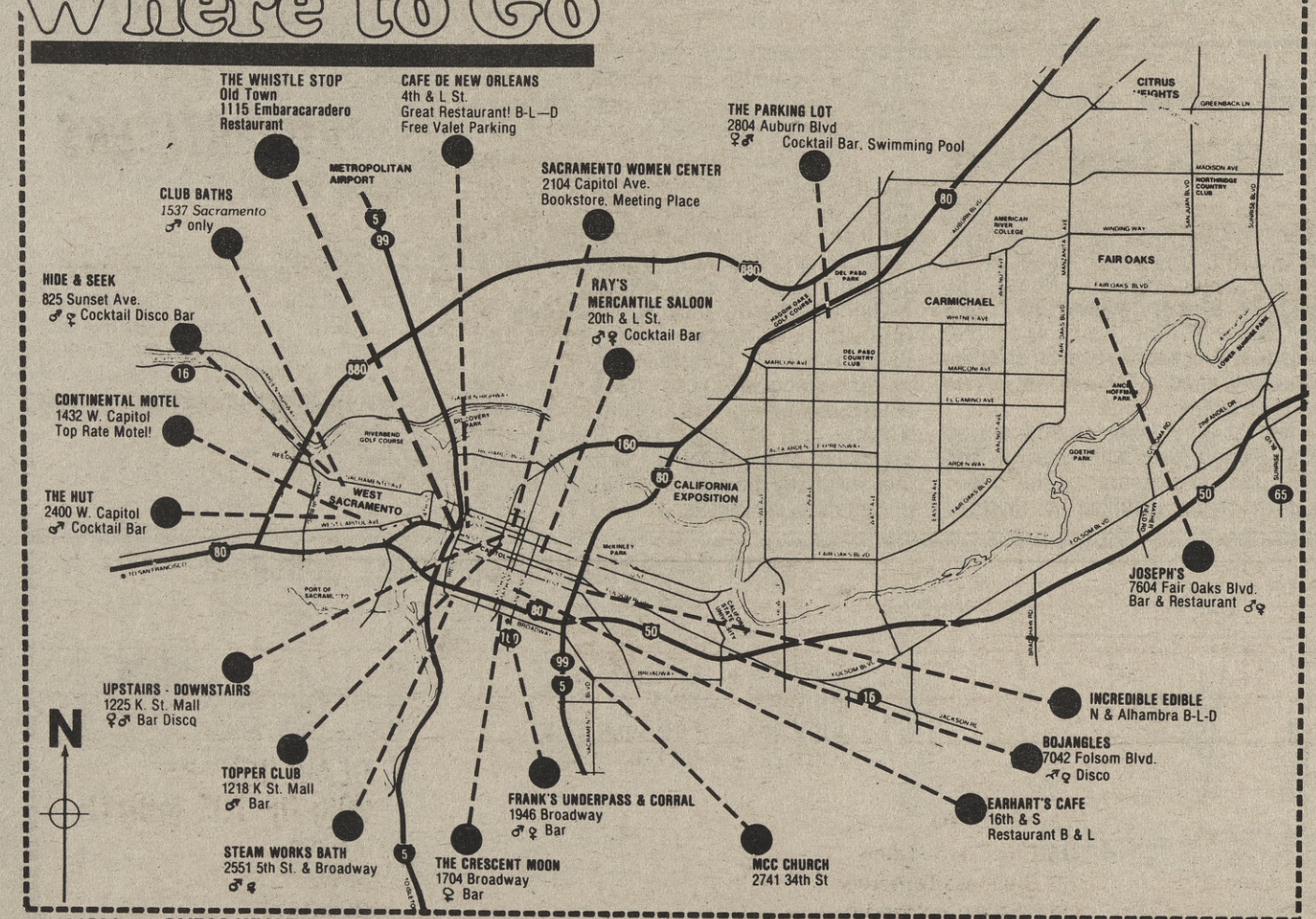

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RECORDS

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MARILYN MITCHENER M.S., 2222 Watt Ave., Suite C-3. 483-4403.

DAN Rudd 443-1278

JIM Webber. Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Sacto. 701 Howe Ave., Suite 46 S.F. *4328 18th Street. By Appointment (916) 920-0638*

ELLIE Zacks, LCSW. 486-0626

CAROL Rhodes. Lic. Clinical Social Worker. 5855 Auburn Blvd. Sac. 967-1389

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$1
$2
$3
$4
$5
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NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

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PHONE _____

HEADING: _____

☐ Classified $1/line
☐ Business Directory $5/month
☐ Check Enclosed $_____
☐ Insert for next.....issues

DEADLINE: 20th OF THE MONTH

MAIL TO:
MGW
BOX 161929
SACRAMENTO, CA. 95816

FREE CLASSIFIED AD

Send us this questionaire and get a free classified ad. Just send your ad on a separate piece of paper for anonymity.

Please help us out by giving us your opinions. We rely 100% on our advertisers, so we also are asking about your living and buying habits. MGW, Box 161929, Sacto, 95816.

____ 1. Female
____ Male

2. Please check the appropriate:
____ Single
____ Have a lover
____ Homosexual
____ Heterosexual
____ Bisexual

3. What is your highest educational level?
____ Grammar school
____ High school
____ Some college
____ BA
____ MA
____ Doctorate
____ Technical degree

____ 4. What is your income before taxes?

5. Occupation?
____ State government
____ Private business

6. What is your housing status?
____ Own house
____ Rent house
____ Rent apartment

7. Where do you live?
____ Downtown
____ East area
____ South area
____ West Sacto
____ North Sacto
____ Outlying county area
____ Other

8. What credit cards do you have?
_____
_____
_____

9. Types of cars owned.
_____
_____
_____

10. During a one-month period - How many times do you go to:
____ The movies
____ Restaurants
____ The bars
____ How much do you spend?
____ Concerts
____ Films
____ Theater
____ Discos
____ Others
How many times do you:
____ Buy books
____ Buy records
____ Buy cigarettes
____ Buy clothes

11. What do you do in your free time . . . What Sports?
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

12. Vacations? Weekends? Day Trips?
_____
_____
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13. What modes of transportation do you use?
____ Airlines
____ Bus
____ Motor Home
____ Car
____ Ship
____ Train
____ Other

Our budget per issue:
$600.00 for printing
$450.00 for type/stats
$700.00 for overhead

14. What beverages do you consume:
beverages

Type	Served or Used at Home	Personally Consumed Home	Brand Used most often
Scotch			
Boubon			
Canadian Whiskey			
Blended or rye whiskey			
Irish whiskey			
Gin			
Vodka			
Rum			
Tequilla			
Brandy			
Cordials			
Wines			
Champagnes			
Beers, domestic			
Beers, Imported			

____ 15. How many people including yourself read your issue of MGW?

16. What other gay publications do you read?
_____
_____
_____

17. What is your opinion of MGW news coverage.
____ Excellent
____ Good
____ Fair
____ Poor

18. Your opinion of MGW features?
____ Excellent
____ Good
____ Fair
____ Poor

19. Your opinion of Sophie-Save-Me?
____ Excellent
____ Good
____ Fair
____ Poor

20. Your opinion of MGW book, music, drama, art reviews?
____ Excellent
____ Good
____ Fair
____ Poor

21. Your opinion of MGW calendar, organizations, ongoing events?
____ Excellent
____ Good
____ Fair
____ Poor

22. Your opinion of MGW advertisers?
____ Excellent
____ Good
____ Fair
____ Poor

23. Do you enjoy supporting the advertisers?
____ Yes
____ No

24. What section do you read the most?
____ News
____ Features
____ Reviews
____ Calendar
____ Letters
____ Display Ads
____ Others

25. What could you pay for this newspaper?
$_____ per issue

26. Would you pay for it?
____ Yes
____ No
$_____ How much

27. How do you feel about the title of MGW?
_____
_____
_____

28. What would you like featured in MGW? What type of articles?
_____
_____
_____

29. Would you like to be interviewed?
____ Yes
____ No

30. Would you show this newspaper to a friend?
____ Yes
____ No

31. Please feel free to give us any other comments.
_____
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